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Koonces have own Quarterly

Now there is a quarterly Newsletter for Koonces by Koonces. John Koonce of Somerset, Wisconsin and Alice Koonce of Refugio, Texas have spent many years talking about printing a book on Koonces in the United States. In November of 1993, John went to Refugio for a three day visit with Alice and they decided to publish a Newsletter first, because a book is so final.

This is the first edition of the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter. It will be published quarterly in January, April, July and October.

Any articles and/or pictures, historical or current that you may have on Koonces will be greatly appreciated. This is OUR Newsletter. It will only survive if we all contribute to it.

Some of the features will include, Births, Marriages, and Deaths. Koonces in the military, Koonces in politics, Koonces in sports, Koonces favorite cooking receipies and tips by Nancy Schroeder Koonce. A queries section will be provided so you can ask for information to help with your research. Also any information we receive on upcoming events such as family reunions will be published..

A FAMILY GROUP SHEET on a different family will be in every edition and a blank FAMILY GROUP SHEET, for your convenience, will be provided in each edition. If you want information on anyone with the Surname KOONCE, copy the blank forms and furnish as much information as you know and we will search our files of over 3,500 Koonces to see if we can supply any more information for you. Send a self



Nancy and John Koonce have traveled nation-wide doing research on the Koonce name for twenty-two years

addressed, stamped envelope and we will send whatever we have. If we don't have your ancestor in our files, your re-

quest will be printed in the Queries section of the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter. All replies will be forwarded to you.

This Newsletter is being mailed to Koonce households nation wide. If you know anyone that would like a subscription, please make sure they get a chance to receive this paper.

With the help of all of you in making suggestions for improvement and keeping us informed as to births, deaths, marriages, military status, family reunions and gatherings, etc. we can have a very interesting and informative KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter for many years to come.

Your comments and/or criticism will be very much appreciated.

THE PALATINATE MOVEMENT

By Alice Koonce, Refugio, Texas (1980)

The emigration from Germany to England and then to America began in the 17th century.

There were wars caused by the Reformation; the Thirty Years' War and the wars in which the French King, Louis XIV involved Europe during his reign. In all of these struggles no portion of Germany suffered so much as that part called the Lower Palatinate. Lying as it does on the eastern boundary of France, it was easily accessible to the French soldiery, and they ravaged the province. The Spanish succession broke out in 1700 and the Palatinate was again overrun with troops. In other provinces of Germany, as well as the Palatinate, there was great suffering among the poorer classes. This widespread poverty and the religious persecutions had for years been producing general unrest, and those who saw no hope of better conditions at home began to look to America as a place they could go and be safe. A small colony had gone to Pennsylvania in 1683, and a few families or single persons had gone every year since.

In 1709, a further cause was given in an exceedingly hard winter. That spring and summer great numbers of Germans came through Holland to England.

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

The temp. outside as this column is being typed is -40 degrees. If I ramble, that's why. This is the first KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter and I hope it is the first of many in the years to come. After much discussion about book on Koonces in the U.S., Alice Koonce and I decided that a quarterly newsletter would be best because if there are mistakes and or additions they can be corrected in future newsletters, where a book is final. Also there are many lines of Koonces that are not yet connected. Such as the West Virginia line that Ellen Virginia Koonce Cossey wrote about in her book on the KOONCE, BRITAIN, HENKLE, ALLSTADT, families that started with the Koonce brothers of Germany, Christopher & George. Then the line that goes back to North Carolina to John Cunitz. Hopefully all this will come together someday with the help of all interested Koonces.

Enjoy this newsletter and tell your relatives about it. The more subscribers we have the better our history will be.

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Koonce's Arrive In N.C.

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So many Germans had come to England that London was embarrassed with the expense and labor of supporting them. The Palatines could not camp indefinitely in Camberwell and Blackheath, or live in the barns provided for them, and various were the schemes proposed for permanently settling them. The best plan, after all, seemed to be to settle them in America.

Franz Louis Michel and Christopher von Graffenried of Bern, Switzerland, were interested in developing silver mines in the colonies. In 1709 Graffenried was in London awaiting the development of his mining plans. On April 28th, Graffenried came to an agreement with the Proprietors of Carolina, for the purchase of 10,000 acres of land on or between the Neuse and Cape Fear Rivers or their branches in North Carolina. The men and women of the 1709 Palatine immigration began to arrive, as already described, in large numbers early in May, and the British government was hard pressed to provide for them. At this juncture, English friends of Graffenried, some of high rank, advised him not to lose so favorable an opportunity to attain desirable settlers on his lands. He was assured that if he would take a considerable number of the Palatines to America, the Queen would not only grant him the money for their passage, but in addition would make a good contribution for them. The Commissioners for the settling of the Palatines permitted Michel and Graffenried to pick out 600 Palatines, to go to Carolina with them. They chose young, healthy and industrious people of various trades. Fifty more persons were accepted.

Graffenried, according to his own account, took great pains in

preparing for the settlement in Carolina. A supply of all kinds of necessary tools were collected, good food was provided for the voyage. When everything was ready on the ships, on January 1710, the Palatines sailed for America. Graffenried remained in England to await the arrival of Michel with some Swiss Anabaptists. Because of rough winds and storms, the ships were driven off course, and arrived in Virginia, thirteen weeks later. The Palatines were in bad condition, overcrowded, which contributed to sickness and death of many on the voyage, they were unaccustomed to the salt food, and when they finally landed, many could not restrain themselves; several died from drinking too much fresh water and overeating raw fruits. Others died of fever. The band had lost more than half its members before it was settled. One ship, carrying the best of the supplies, was plundered at the mouth of the James River by a French Privateer.

Graffenried and the Swiss arrived in Virginia in September 1710. He went to the Palatine settlement on the Neuse & Trent Rivers in North Carolina. He found his settlers in wretched circumstances. He had to use his credit to secure flour and other supplies from Pennsylvania and Virginia. Having provided temporarily for his settlers, he began to plan a new town on the land originally designated. He laid out broad streets and houses well apart from one another. Three acres of land were marked for each family, The Village was divided to resemble a Cross. In the center a lot was set aside for a church. Meanwhile a good number of Palatines and Swiss began to fell timber to build

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houses. The settlement was named New Bern.

Despite Graffenried's fair treatment of the Indians. New Bern was subject to attacks in the war which suddenly broke out in 1711. Houses were burned, household furniture destroyed, cattle were shot down and about seventy Palatines were murdered and captured.

Heavily in debt, Graffenried's creditors became impatient, Almost penniless, his settlement in need, the mining project an illusion, Graffenried retired to Virginia on September 1712. There he remained until spring among his friends, trying to get help. April 1713, he began his return to England and reached London about September 13th. In London, Graffenried could obtain no help. The party of miners, for whom Graffenried had arranged in 1709, were awaiting him in London, Hard pressed himself, Graffenried did the best he could for the miners, who refused to turn back, Finally, he found two merchants trading in Virginia, who agreed to advance the transportation and subsistence of these Germans above what possessed, provided Governor Spotswood of Virginia would accept them and pay the ship captain the amount due him. In April 1714, the miners arrived in Virginia, where they were well received by Spotswood and founded the settlement of Germanna. They built and operated iron works.

"Ancestry & Descendants of the Nassau-Siegen Immigrants to Virginia" between 1714-1750, by B.C. Holtzclaw

The constituency of the 1714 group at the time of their arrival in Virginia in April, 1714, was probably as follows:

Cuntzes -- Joseph (Jost) Cuntze, from Niederndorf, parish of Oberfischbach, in the southwestern

part of Protestant Siegen. b. 1674, his first wife, Anna Gertrude Reinschmidt, his son John, b. 1706, his daughter Ann Elizabeth, b. 1708 (who later married Tillman Weaver), and his daughter Catherine, b. ca. 1713/14 (who later married Harman Kemper).

This book has a record of early generations of the Coons-Koontz Family in America. They have many of the same given names as does the Cunitz Family who settled in North Carolina.

George Michael Kuntz (Koons) d. 1759 from Palatinate, Germany to Philadelphia. 1727 and settled in Faulkners Swamp - Montgomery Co., Pa., Married 1732 to Even Engelhardt d. 1772.

John Koonts* born in York Co., Pennsylvania, in 1756, moved to Rowan Co., North Carolina, at age of 20 or 21 . . . entered Revolutionary War in Rowan Co., North Carolina, (Rowan Co., changed to Davidson Co., North Carolina).

**The above John Koonts who was born in York C.o Pensylvania., and moved to North Carolina in 1756, are probably the same.*

David Reynolds Koontz traced his ancestors (David lives in Davidson Co., North Carolina) to a

small town called Waldmohr, in the providence of Zweibruchen. He is descended from John Jacob, b. Oct. 7, 1712, and who arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania., in 1736. Three of his brothers were traced to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where the Moravian records show marriage and Waldmohr as birthplace in Germany.

Notations found in an old book in possession of Later Koonces:

"From my Bible, which is Dutch, Johan' Cunys was a Palatine and came to America AD 1710 and was killed in battle by Tuskarours Indians at Core Creek on Sept. 23 AD 1711. Age 36 years. George Koonce the soul surviving child of Johan Koonce died Jan'y 28th 1778 age 73 yrs. 9 mo. and 24 da."

(I have been told that the family Bible was lost in a tornado in the 1920's there in North Carolina . . . I have no proof) ak

Johnny Koonce

When you are in the Portland Oregon area on business or pleasure and are looking for something to do in the evening. Look in the entertainment section of the local paper for JOHNNY KOONCE. Good rock & country music and dancing. Ed.

SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED

A correspondent, A.B.L., writes as follows to the Carlinville FREE DEMOCRATE. In the year 1845 there was living in one house in Jersey County, a family of 9 persons, in whom the following fifty relationships existed, to wit; 1 great grandmother, 2 grandmothers, 1 great grandchild, 4 grandchildren, 3 mothers, 7 children, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 2 grand uncles, 2 uncles, 2 brothers, 4 sisters, 2 aunts, 1 son-in-law, 1 brother-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law, 3 nieces, 1 wife, 2 widows, 1 husband, 1 father and 1 mother-in-law. This family being related to me, I know that the above is true.

KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

*Koonce Lineage, by Ellen Virginia Koonce
Cozey, Hagerstown, MD -- 1990*

FIRST GENERATION

Two Koonce brothers of Germany, George Koonce the oldest with Christopher Koonce arrived in America about 1732 and landed at Philadelphia, PA.

George Koonce married and remained in Pennsylvania. He spoke German, naturally, also French and English, and taught school.

Christopher Koonce, our lineage, Stafford Koonce's great grandfather, came to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Married and settled in Loudoun County, Virginia, engaged in farming. They had several children but only one of which I find any information and that is Nicholas Koonce, Sr., son of Christopher.

SECOND GENERATION

Now Nicholas Koonce, Sr. married Elizabeth Shriver b. 1792, d. June 2, 1883, buried at Bond County, IL. I suppose he is also buried there because they returned there later.

After their marriage in Loudoun County, Virginia, they remained there until about 1811 when he sold his farm and went to Stubensville, Ohio, where George Koonce (Harry Stafford Koonce's father) was born April 17, 1818. They had eight children and I don't know how many were born in Ohio. However, they remained in Ohio for a few years then sold his holdings there and returned to Loudoun County, Virginia with his family, where he remained until 1841. Then again moved westward to the state of Illinois and bought a section of 620 acres of prairie land in Bond County, not far from the town of Greenville, about 40

miles east of St. Louis. They must have stayed there for the rest of their lives because the Jefferson County paper, *Spirit of Jefferson*, published this in 1943, "Died in Bond County, Illinois, sixty years ago, June 2, 1883, Mrs. Elizabeth Koonce, mother of George Koonce, of this county, in her 91st year."

My father, Harry Stafford Koonce, and his two brothers, Claude and Darrel, went to the World's Fair at St. Louis, November, 1904, and they visited these Koonces and their Grandmother.

At this same time Lutie Allstadt, Mamma's first cousin, Also went to this Fair. contracted typhoid fever and died out there.

GENERATION THREE

The eight children of Nicholas Koonce, Sr. and Elizabeth Shriver Koonce are:

1. Christopher Koonce, No data. (Ed. Note: See story this page)
2. David Koonce, No data
3. Joseph Koonce, No data
4. John Koonce, b. July 20, 1820, d. Nov. 10, 1891, buried in the Bolivar Cemetery, W. Va. Where most of the Koonces are buried. He is buried with his first wife, Louisiana Koonce, b. June 3, 1819, d. Apr. 21, 1866 - 47 years old.

John Koonce's second wife was Grandma Koonce's sister - Sarah Jane Brittain Barrett. She had one son Walter Barrett. After husband, John died, she joined Walter at Jacksonville, Florida, where she died. Grandma and her sister married brothers.

5. George Koonce, b. April 17, 1818, Stubensville, Ohio, returned to Loudoun County with his parents and married Emily Piles on Sept. 1, 1840, daughter of Samuel and Mary Piles, Emily b. July 13, 1821, d. Nov. 1, 1853, at age 32 years. They lived together 13 years. He remained a widower for sometime then married Bettie Ellen Brittain b. Jan. 6, 1837, d. April 6, 1920, Daughter of Joseph and Marry Ellen Smallman Brittain of England and

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C.H. Koonce, Farmer, P.O. Greenville

Taken from the *HISTORY OF ILLINOIS, BOND AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES*, 1882. Portions in () are added for clarity.

Central Township Greenville City And Precinct

The Koonce family emigrated to the sucker state in the year 1840. They were natives of the Old Dominion, Jefferson County, near Harpers Ferry, where our subject (Christopher H. Koonce) was born January 31, 1825, son of Nicholas Koonce, whose birthplace was Loudoun County (Virginia); son of Henry Koonce, who was likewise of Virginia birth. The mother of our subject (Christopher H. Koonce) was Elizabeth, a native of Loudoun, daughter of Christopher Schriver, who was a native of Germany.

Ten children were born to Nicholas Koonce. Seven sons and three daughters. He was a farmer and a mechanic. He worked several years in the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, also in a mill, and turned his attention readily to anything of mechanical nature.

Our subject (Christopher H. Koonce) emigrated west with his parents when he was about 14 years of age. His father (Nicholas) rented land some time (wording from history book) east of Greenville. Finally located on section 31, in this township (Central), and remained there until his death, which occurred several years prior to the late civil war. His wife (Elizabeth) still survives him, being nearly ninety years of age. The family born to them (Nicholas & Elizabeth) are as follows: David, Sarah, George, John, Jacob, Christopher H. (the subject of our story) Elizabeth, Nicholas, Joseph and Mary. But two are living in this township, C.H. and Elizabeth, wife of J.C. Lovett. Joseph resides in the township adjoining (Mulberry Grove). In October 1850, our subject (Christopher H. Koonce) Married Jane Wait of Alexandria, Virginia, daughter of William Wait. Mr. Koonce resides on the farm he entered and improved, consisting of 225 acres; has six children, vis: Charles, Josiah, Lucy, Angi, George and Hattie. His brother Nicholas resides in the south part of the state, a short distance above Cairo. The remaining brothers living are now residents of Virginia, having returned there to spend there remaining life in the land that gave birth to their progenitors.

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Winchester, Virginia.

6. Nicholas Koonce, Jr., b. Oct. 24, 1830, d. March 7, 1906, born at Harpers Ferry, Va. He married Margaret Phillips, b. April 18, 1831, d. Aug. 6, 1877, they had seven children.

7. Mary Ann Koonce, No data

8. Elizabeth Koonce, No data

GENERATION FOUR

First marriage of George Koonce (no middle name), and Emily Piles Koonce had six children:

1. George Willard Koonce, b. Jan. 3, 1840, d. Sept. 11, 1928, single. He never married and always lived at Grandma and Grandpa's home.

He was one of the first Rural Mail Carriers of Jefferson County. Always had beautiful horses and nice buggies to deliver his mail on his route out from the Post Office at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. I went with him several times and every one of the people seem to delight in seeing the mail man come.

He was always good to me. He bought me many coats, sweaters, hats, etc., and a fur coat.

He took me every summer to Atlantic City for a week, and paid all expenses, train fare, hotel etc., and I could take someone along. Estelle, Mamma and Pauline went at different times. We stayed at the Monticello Hotel on Kentucky Avenue right off the Board Walk and the Fetters were the Proprietors.

He took me to Richmond, Virginia when he went to visit his sister Alice Roberta Koonce Kessler, who married Dr. A.M. Kessler, but was deceased. Her daughter Lelale Kessler Rutherford was living with her. I don't know what happened to her husband, or if he was dead. Her son, Clyde Kessler, was living there, I think he was single. I have both Lelale's and Clyde's pictures they gave me.

Uncle Willard wanted to go to Berryville, Virginia to see friends he used to know. By this time we owned a five seated Model T Ford and I was driving, so I took him. He knew their names and where they lived, and now I don't remember either. It was a big beautiful lovely home, that sat back in a beautiful lawn. Two elderly ladies lived there, I don't know whether they were sisters or not, but they

TRIVIA ON NICHOLAS KOONCE, by Claudia Zook, 1993

Nicholas was in the war of 1812 under Captain Samuel W. Young, Virginia Military 56th Reg. Comanded by Col. Taylor.

After he was discharged from Youngs Co. he enlisted as a sub for John Shriver in Captain George Millers Co. of Virginia Mil. He enlisted 9-1813, Discharged 12-1813.

Recieved warrent for land in Illinois. 40 acers, warrent #3793

Pension Claim #9644

Warrent #20993-120-55

widowed 5-6-1883

Elizabeth- cert #28302/Beaver Ck/widow/1812 war/\$8.00 monthly/started 12-1879 on list of pensioners Bond 1-1-1883

Estate of Nicholas was worth about \$5,500. estimate of Joseph L. Koonce

were delighted to see Willard, as they called him, and the three of them reminisced and talked about the days and the people of their time.

It seemed as though Grandpa and Uncle Willard had a business in Berryville, Va. or ran the Post Office or something.

At this time it was Loudoun County, Virginia; Berryville, Virginia; and Harpers Ferry, Virginia, so Grandpa seemed to be known throughout the state and at Washington, D.C. He went to Legislature and Senate at Wheeling during the controversy over the division of Virginia into two states.

2. Imogene Frances Koonce Young, b. Dec. 11, 1841. No children. She married July 6, 1875 Reverend Charles Edmund Young, no dates for him. They lived in Baltimore, Md., but spent the summers in Bolivar, W. Va. He was a good, kind, thoughtful person. My father said that if there was ever a good man, that it was Ed Young. He christened Pauline and me at our home, on August 1906, Halltown, W. Va. Ellen Virginia Koonce and Pauline Stafford Koonce. We have the christening certificates he filled out. He conducted the funeral services for our little brother Stafford Henkle Koonce, born Nov. 18, 1905 and died July 25, 1906. He conducted funeral services for my Grandfather Koonce, Aunt Em's father, on July 23, 1908.

Aunt Em was quite talented, she painted several pictures including a portrait of her father.

3. Mary Elizabeth Koonce b. Nov. 23, 1843, died, I think very young.

4. Charles Jacob Koonce, b. Mar. 4, 1848, d. Jan. 16, 1855, 7 years old.

5. Alice Roberta Koonce Kessler, b. Apr. 22, 1851, died, I think in Richmond, Va. She married, Feb. 22, 1872, Dr. A.M. Kessler and lived in Richmond, Va. I don't know how many children they had, but I met Lelale Kessler Rutherford, her daughter and a son Clyde Kessler, when Uncle Willard and I visited them. I have their pictures they gave me.

6. Anna Amelia Eliza Koonce, b. Oct. 7, 1853, d. July 24, 1854, ten months old.

Second marriage of George Koonce, b. April 17, 1818, d. July 23, 1908 and Bettie Ellen Brittain Koonce, b. Jan. 6, 1837, d. April 6, 1920. Both died at their home, Ellerslie Farm. Halltown, W. Va. and both are buried in the Bolivar Cemetery, Bolivar, W. Va. Bettie Ellen Brittain was the daughter of Joseph Brittain, Sr. and Mary Ellen Smallman Brittain, both of England and Winchester, Va. also Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

George Koonce and Bettie Ellen Brittain Koonce had seven children:

1. Charles (Charley) Koonce, 10/17/1860-10/3/1919. Married Hattie Mohler, 10/3/1864-4/24/1945, on Jan. 6, 1884. Eight children. He went to Halltown School and to the Charles Town Academy.

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2. Howard Koonce, MD, 9/17/1863-1954. Married 3 times, no children. 1. Lydia Crawford Koonce, d. 7/7/1918. 2. Idella Blossom Wheeler Koonce, d. 8/31/1944. 3. Frances J. Baton Koonce, 1887-1965, m. 1945. He went to Halltown School, Charles Town Academy and graduated March 27, 1886 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Md., with a medical degree.

3. Estelle May (Peach) Koonce Black, 3/27/1867-1/12/1842, married William (Will) L. Black, 11/16/1863-1/3/1926. No Children. They lived for a while in Erie, Pa. He was manager of a construction Company. I have a picture of them in their living room.

4. Claude Jacob Koonce, MD (Buzzy), 2/28/1871-3/12/43. (Maude's twin) m. Mariah Kirby Koonce, 1882-1946, son died in infancy, 1920. He went to Halltown School, Charles Town Academy and graduated from Georgetown University with a medical degree.

5. Maude Bettie Koonce, 2/28/1871-5/6/1872. (Claude's twin)

6. Harry Stafford Koonce, 4/27/1874-5/4/1962. Married Edna Pauline Henkle, March 4, 1901, Washington, D.C. 7 children. He went to Halltown School, Charles Town Academy and graduated from Spencerian Business College, Washington, D.C. on May 2, 1895. Sara A. Spencer, Principal.

7. Darrell Kenneth Koonce, 4/20/1877-3/4/1967. Married Mildred Lee Phillips, 4/22/1889-3/1/1970. One child. He went to Halltown School, Charles Town Academy, Spencerian Business College and graduated from W. Virginia University in law. Claude, Stafford and Darrell all went to the Spencerian Business College at the same time. Stafford graduated from there, the others went to other schools.

GENERATION FIVE

Children of Alice Roberta Koonce Kessler and Dr. A.M. Kessler: daughter of George and Emily Koonce;

1. Lelale Kessler Rutherford

2. Clyde Kessler, I have no dates for these, but I met them when Uncle Willard took me to Richmond,

THE BUTTERFLY AND THE BEE

*Once upon a time
A handsome honeybee
Fell in love with a butterfly
He met in a tulip tree.*

*He said, "I love you madly
"And want to share your life
"Let's fly away together.
"Will you be my wife?"*

*She shook her head in sorrow.
"No, no, no," cried she.
"For I'm a monarch's daughter
"And you're just a son of a bee."
(Author Unknown)*

Va. to visit them. I have their pictures they gave me. She is the only one of Grandpa's first marriage children that had any children, and I don't know how many she had. This is the only time I saw them.

Children of Charles and Hattie Koonce, son of George and Bettie Koonce:

1. Maude Betty Koonce, 1/8/1886-2/26/1959, single, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Washington, D. C.

2. Mable Alice Koonce Buckles, 9/22/1889-12/15/79, Harpers Ferry, W. Va. and Halltown- Shepherdstown Road. Married 12/17/1915 Washington, D.C. to Forrest Jordon Buckles, 5/30/1885-1/26/1970.

3. George Stafford Koonce, 11/30/1892-1/19/1980, Washington, D.C.; Oxen Hill, Maryland; Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

4. Charles Howard Koonce (Pete, Brother), 6/15/1895-5/22/1957. Single. Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Washington, D.C.

5. Hattie Young Koonce Key, 9/8/1897-2/6/1988. Married 8/10/29, Washington, D. C. to William Henry Key. No issue. Harpers Ferry; Washington, D. C.

6. Thelma Page Koonce Mudd (Sem), 4/13/1900-9/28/1991. Married Joseph Xavier Mudd, 4/12/1894-2/15/1980. No issue. Harpers Ferry; Washington, D.C.

7. Will Black Koonce (Honey Bee), 5/5/1902-6/18/1968. Married Edna Rayburn. No issue. Harpers Ferry; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta. Ga.

8. Imogene Elizabeth Koonce Erhardt, 7/20/1905-9/21/1968. Married Frank Leslie Erhardt, 1/9/1901. No issue. Harpers Ferry; Washington, D.C.

Children of Harry Stafford Koonce and Edna Pauline Koonce, son of George and Bettie Koonce:

1. Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey, born March 1, 1902. Married March 18, 1933 in Halifax, North Carolina to Fonrose Wissner Cosey, 4/19/1901-11/6/1961. No issue. Halltown, W. Va.; Hagerstown, Md.

2. Pauline Stafford Koonce Schaffert, 1/8/1904-4/25/1971. Married, 9/12/1927 at home in Halltown, West Virginia to George Allen Schaffert, 2/3/1904-12/14/1987. 2 children. Spindale, Rutherfordton, Greensboro, Charlotte, North Carolina and Halltown, West Virginia.

3. Stafford Henkle Koonce, 11/16/1905-7/25/1906.

4. Estelle May Koonce Cobb, 3/3/1907-8/28/1992. Married 7/2/1941 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad to Albert Henry Cobb, 8/4/1912. No issue. Halltown, W. Va.; Fairfax, Va.; Japan; and all over.

5. Howard Stafford Koonce, 2/20/1910-12/19/1990. Married March 17, 1934 at Hagerstown, Md. to Henrietta Lea Murphy, 8/29/1913-5/1/1989. 1 child. Halltown, W. Va.

6. Swagler Henkle Koonce, 1/12/1913. Married 4/6/1945 at Baltimore, Md. to Gladys Arlene Snyder, 8/6/1915. 3 children. Halltown, W. Va.; Winchester, Va.

7. Stafford Willard Koonce, 4/14/1917-10/23/1917.

Child of Darrell Kenneth Koonce and Mildred Lee Phillips, Son of George and Bettie Koonce.

1. Darrell Phillips Koonce, 3/31/1924-2/2/1986. Single. Charles Town, West Virginia; West Palm Beach, Fla.

Generations six, seven and eight plus excerpts from, "Aunt Virginia's" book will be in the April issue of KOONCE to KOONCE.

HAZEL SMITH REMEMBERS "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

by Hazel Berdeen Smith August 1, 1978

Hazel Smith talked to John and Nancy Schroeder Koonce and Isabell Koonce Mayer at Hazels house in Mulberry Grove, IL.

Hazel is the daughter of Nancy Isadora (Koonce) Smith, who is the daughter of Elijah Jefferson "Uncle Jeff" Koonce. Hazel Smith is the first cousin to Isabell (Koonce) Mayer, who is the daughter of James Monroe Koonce, who is a son of Elijah Jefferson Koonce. Hazel calls her grandfather "Uncle Jeff" or Grandpa.

"Grandpa was always on the farm until he retired.

"When we were little kids we would visit back and forth, Grandpa always had a swing in their yard. They lived out here at the Ramiallim.

"I remember when grandma and grandpa went to Minnesota, when they returned they lived further north and west where it's the Kid Boon's place now. That's still in Bond County. I don't remember where they moved from there. We were always going to Grandma and grandpa's.

"And when I was a kid there would always be a bunch of them come to our house. The daughters, sons, daughter-in-laws and children. We'd make ice cream on Sunday. You don't get together like that any more.

"We would go to grandma's pretty much of the time on Thanksgiving and Christmas. And after church on Sunday. We all went to the Free Methodist Church then, now it's Pentacostal. Grandma & grandpa went to church more than we did.

"We would go in the horse & buggy, my dad never did own a car.



Elijah Jefferson & Cordilia Koonce

"My half-sisters' husband bought a Ford. That was just about the first one I remember to be riding

in. And there used to be a Mr. Evans, who lived out west of Mulberry Grove and he had a car, I think it was a Ford. That was one of the first motor cars around.

"That was really exciting. We rode into town with him every once in a while.

"When I started school the teacher was Miss. Kate Scatland. She taught first & second grade for a long time here at Mulberry. Then, after second grade we moved to the country and I went to Seagrave Country School. There were no KOONCE'S at that time in these schools. Then in fourth grade we came back to Mulberry Grove school.

"I never went to high school, only through the eighth grade."

Minutes taken from the records of the UNION BAPTIST CHURCH at Liberty in Bond County Illinois. These are on file at the Public Library at Greenville, Illinois. The spelling and expressions are as they appear on record.

March the 20, 1880

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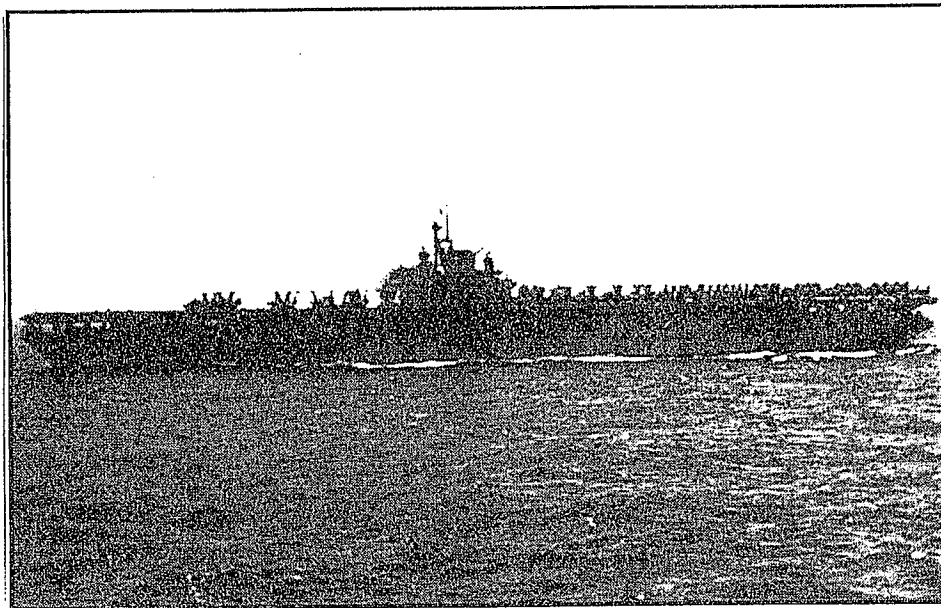
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KOONCE FAMILY UPDATES

3 Ships, 3 Mishaps

ST. PAULITES FEAR BOYS MAY BE NAVY JONAHS



USS Boxer

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Coincidence? Well, maybe. But still. . . Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Koonce, 965 Selby, are concerned. They think their family is jinxed.

In August, 1952, fire and explosions hit the aircraft carrier Boxer near Tokyo. Nine men were killed, but a sailor son, Bob Koonce, 24, was unscratched.

In March, 1953, another Koonce boy, 20-year-old Eddie, also in the Navy, was cruising off Korea on another carrier, the Oriskany. A bomb bounced from a landing plane and exploded on deck, killing two of the Oriskany's crew and wounding 15 more. But Eddie was not hurt.

This week the Koonces began getting jittery. A third son, James, 23, also a sailor wrote to tell them he was on the aircraft carrier Bennington May 26 when more than 100 men were killed by explosions and fire. It was the first the Koonces knew James was on the ship. He was not injured.

So now Dad Koonce is upset. "We're wondering if the kids are a jinx," he said.

It isn't just the past that's bother-



Bob

Jim

Eddie

ing the Koonces. There are still three more potential sailors in the family--- Lee, 19, Donald, 17 and John, 11.

Editors Notes. Bob Koonce, is now retired from the Naval Reserves and as a foreman for the Minnesota Highway Department. He lives in Oakdale, MN.

Jim will retire an January 31 from the St. Paul, MN water department.

Ed retired after 42 years with 3M Co. and is recuperating from throat cancer surgery in Paire du Chein, WI.

Lee did not serve in the military and now lives in New Ulm, MN.

Don did not serve in the military and lives in Oakdale, MN and works for Tyson Truck Lines.

John served on the USS Independence Aircraft Carrier in 1961-1963. He was in the barricade around Cuba, for 43 days, during the Cuan Missile Crises, ordered by President John F. Kennedy. John has been a printer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 1971. And plans to retire in another 21 years, so I can beat Ed's record of 42 years Minnesota Mining company.

OBIT

WATERFORD, CT — Donald Eugene Koonce, 57, of 19 Olive St. died Thursday, January 13, 1994, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

He was born Oct. 31, 1936, in Vandalia, Ill., the son of Hiram E. and Lena M. Jett Koonce. He married Linda M. Simons on June 20, 1963, in Waukegan, Ill.

He was a Navy veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired as a hospitalman chief in 1977 after 23 years. He then worked for Northeast Utilities as a health physics technician at the Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, Haddam.

He was a member of the Waterford Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Fleet Reserve Association in Chula Vista, Calif.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Mark A. Koonce of Waterford and Zane K. Koonce of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, Patricia Ann Selbe of Middlebury, Fla. and Donna Jeanne Chappell of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; one brother, Raymond E. Koonce of Waterford; one sister, Mary E. Harris of Arcata, Calif. and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Hiram E. Koonce.

The funeral and the burial was private.

TASTE

by Nancy Schroeder Koonce

A fun project would be to put together a KOONCE FAMILY COOK-BOOK. At our family gathering we have potlucks and always get an interesting variety of food & plenty to eat. No one goes home hungry. If you have a recipe to share please send them to me, Nancy Koonce, 1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025. I would like to start gathering recipes now, so they can be printed in our newsletter and/or, at a later date, in our cook-book.

A couple of years ago on a crisp fall day, John & I went to visit Don & Pat Koonce. The timing was perfect, my sister-in-law, Pat just took a hot Sour Cream Apple Pie out of her oven. It was wonderful and it has been a favorite of mine since. Here is the recipe.

SOUR CREAM APPLE PIE

1C commercial sour cream

3/4C sugar

2T flour

1/4t salt

1t vanilla

1 egg lightly beaten

4C peeled, sliced cooking apples

1 unbaked 9" pastry shell

1/2C firmly packed brown sugar

1/3C all purpose flour

1/4C butter

Combine sour cream, sugar, flour, salt, vanilla and egg in large mixing bowl. Beat medium speed 3 minutes. Gently fold in apple pieces. Spoon mixture into pastry shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

Combine brown sugar & flour, cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle over pie. Bake 20 minutes. Serve warm or let cool.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Send information on your family reunions to:
KOONCE to KOONCE, 1821 37th St.
Somerset, WI 54025

AUGUST 6, 1994—Blythville, AR. Held at the Holiday Inn. For info. call or write: Alma Koonce Rogers, 901-668-7863.

AUGUST 20, 1994—"GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC & FAMILY GATHERING". Golf tournament will be at Chabre Golf Course, Somerset, WI at 9:00 AM. Call or write Bob Koonce 612-777-2985; 2938 Hamlet Ave N., Oakdale, MN 55128. Family gathering will be at the City Park in Bayport, MN. For information call or write, Patricia Blum Koonce, 612-739-9625; 590 Gentry Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128

??? QUIRIES ???

Send all Quiries and responses to: KOONCE to KOONCE, 1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025 and they will get to the right person.

George Koonce 1792-1863. m Mary (Poly) Houston Enloe, 9 Jun 1816 in Davidson Co. TN. Who was his parents? Were they John & Elizabeth?

What is the name of the ship that the original John Cunitz came over on in 1710 and landed in Virginia. What port in Virginia did they land? Hampton? Would anyone want the challenge of building a model of the ship if we can identify it?

What ship did the Virginia Koonces come over on or did they come from the North Carolina Branch?

I'M MY OWN GRANDPA

(Words and music by Dwight Latham & Moe Jaffe; best-selling record, 1948, Guy Lombardo & his Royal Canadians, Decca Recording)

I'm my own Grandpaw.

I'm my own Grandpaw.

It sounds funny, I know,

but it really is so

Oh! I'm my own Grandpaw.

Many, many years ago

when I was 23,

I was married to a widow

who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown up daughter

who had hair of red.

My father fell in love with her

and soon they too were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law

and changed my very life,

For my daughter was my mother

cause she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matter

even though it brought me joy,

I soon became the father

of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became

a brother-in-law to dad,

and so became my uncle

then that also made him brother

of the widow's grown up daughter who,

of course, was my step-mother.

(stanza)

Father's wife then had a son,

who kept them on the run,

and he became my grandchild,

for he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother

and it makes me blue, Because

although she is my wife,

she's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother

then I'm her grandchild,

and every time I think of it,

it nearly drives me wild.

For now I have become

the strangest case you ever saw,

As husband of my grandmother,

I'm my own grandpaw. (stanza)

STANZA

I'm my own Grandpaw.

I'm my own Grandpaw.

It sounds funny, I know

but it really is so

Oh! I'm my own Grandpaw.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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HUSBAND Waymon Leroy (Pinky) KOONCE Sr.

BORN: 29 Dec 1910 PLACE: ,Golliad Co.,TX
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 29 Mar 1963 PLACE: Refugio,Refugio Co.,TX
BUR.: 3 Mar 1993 PLACE: Oakwood Cem,Refugio Co,TX
MARR: 24 Dec 1941 PLACE: Kenedy,Karnes Co.,TX
FATHER: Lawrence Levi KOONCE
MOTHER: Willie Berden HARDING

has other marriages

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WIFE Alice Adelia SPRINGFIELD

BORN: 19 Jan 1917 PLACE: Leaakey,Frio Co,TX
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

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CHILDREN

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1. NAME: Waymon Leroy KOONCE Jr.

---- BORN: 29 Oct 1942 PLACE: San Antonio,Bexar Co.,TX
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Betty Kay Nesaloney BUNN
MARR: 20 Oct 1960 PLACE: Waco,Lennan Co.,TX

2. NAME: Lawrence Andrew KOONCE

---- BORN: 20 Jan 1950 PLACE: Refugio,Refugio Co.,TX
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Patricia Ann DOWNS
MARR: 3 May 1973 PLACE:

3. NAME: John Richard KOONCE

---- BORN: 25 Dec 1954 PLACE: Refugio,Refugio Co.,TX
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Joni Kathryn SHEPHARD
MARR: 14 Jul 1979 PLACE: Refugio,Refugio Co.,TX

4. NAME:

---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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MARR: PLACE:

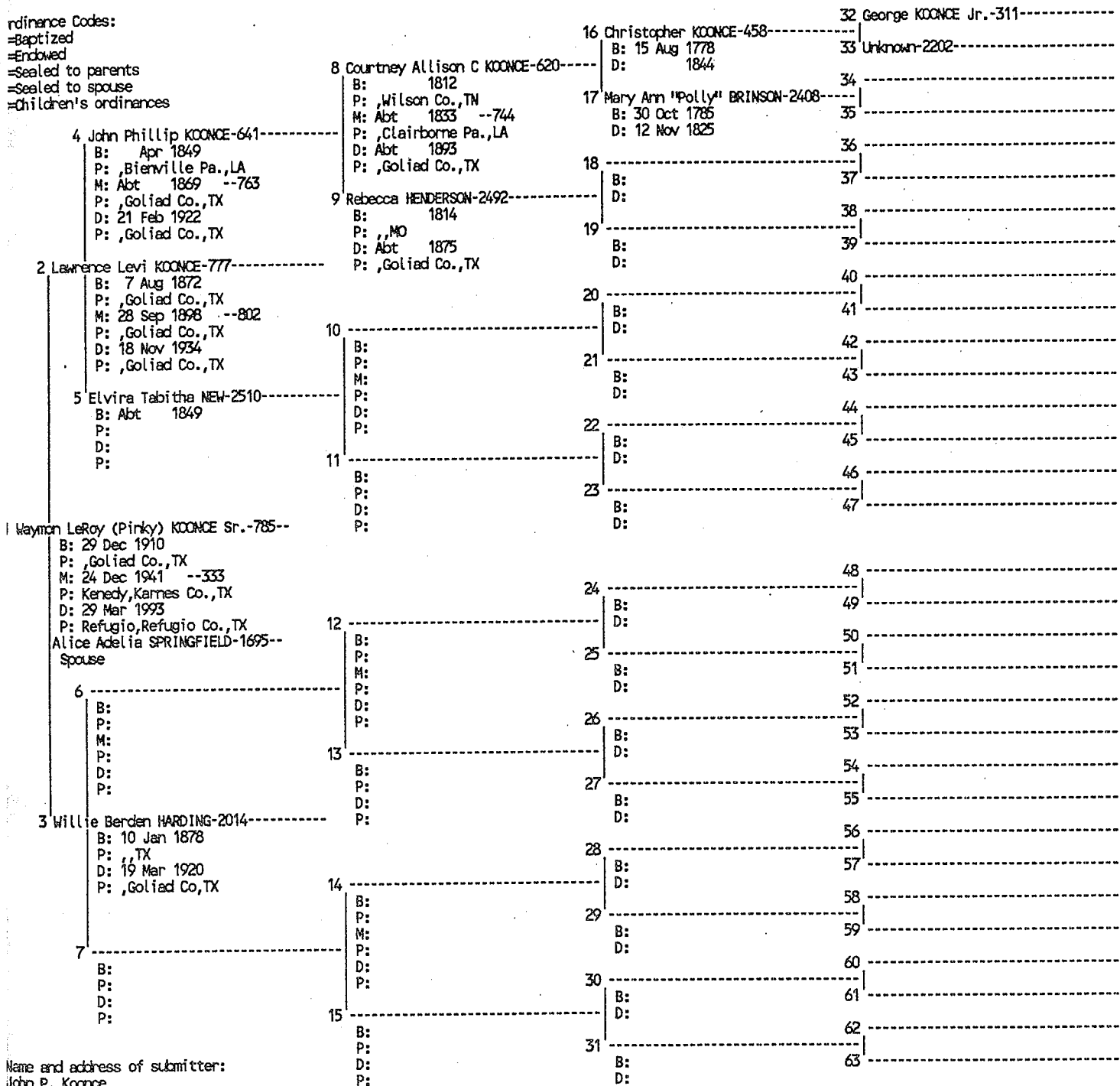
PEDIGREE CHART

6 May 1996

Chart no. 1

Indinence Codes:

=Baptized
=Endowed
=Sealed to parents
=Sealed to spouse
=Children's ordinances



Name and address of submitter:

John P. Koonce
1821 37th St.
Somerset, WI 54025

Phone:715-247-5297



HARLIE & JOSIE KOONCE HATFILL

Notes from Nina Hatfill (*Ed. Note: Nina Married Harlie Hatfill, son of Murvin & Josie Koonce Hatfill.*)

When Harlie was a Freshman in Mulberry Grove High School, he and his mother, Josie (Koonce) Hatfill, were ill with typhoid fever. To treat them the doctor prescribed cool baths and certain medicine in the form of pills. Since this disease was contagious it was necessary for the husband and father, Murvin Hatfill, to care for them, for others were afraid of contracting this disease. Thinking that he could trust Harlie to swallow the pills, he would just hand him the pills and go about his other chores. Imagine his surprise when one day he moved the bed from the wall to find a handful of pills on the floor.

This disease, unless one is very particular about the diet, will cause perforations in one's intestines, even to the point of hemorrhages. Josie always made biscuits for breakfast. So Murnin

made biscuits, too, when he was caring for the sick. One morning after Harlie was able to be up and about he passed the open oven on which the biscuits sat and picked one up thinking that his father wouldn't notice him. But he was mistaken for his father asked, "Harlie what do you have in your hand?" "Oh," he replied. "I wasn't going to eat it, I was just going to smell it." His dad always said that it was a terrible thing when you had to refuse your own child what he wanted to eat.

Later Harlie was able to be out and one day wanted to ride his horse into town. His dad agreed to let him go but after he left, he remembered that he hadn't given orders not to buy any food.

Harlie bought, of all things, hard peanut candy but on his way home his mind kept saying, "Don't eat it", and so he didn't. His father's first question as he arrived home was, "You didn't buy

any candy, did you?" "Oh, no" Harlie replied and as soon as possible he hid the candy under an overturned stone jar. During that night came a torrential rain which removed the evidence.

One night while the parents were in the barn doing the evening chores they heard a gun shot which came from the house. Scared of what they might find, they ran as fast as they could to investigate. When they went into the house they found 3 little kids huddle at the door all safe and sound but they, too, were scared. Harold, the oldest, had picked up the gun to show the others how it worked. He really didn't know but he learned.

Josie (Koonce) and Murvin Hatfill had one daughter, Edna. One day as her mother was washing, she accidentally toppled over into a boiler of boiling water and scalded to death. She was four years old.

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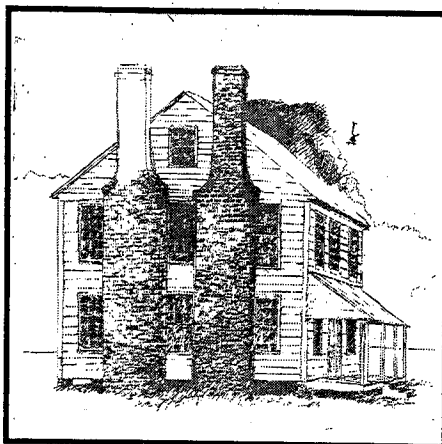
Bryant Shine Koonce House

by Mrs. Rosco Taylor

Bryant Shine Koonce built the first residence in what is now Richlands (at that time known as Oak Grove) and operated the first store there. He died while returning to his home in Wilmington, New Hanover Co. North Carolina, from one of his many trips to New York by boat, where he had gone to purchase a stock of goods for his store.....

Mr. Koonce, the son of Edward Koonce and his wife Susan and the grandson of Abraham Koonce and his wife Ester, who were the first family of that name to settle in Onslow, was a strict prohibitionist. So much so that he refused to take the whiskey offered to him by the ship's doctor, when he became ill, accepting the fact of facing death in preference. Dr. E. L. Perkins, the Methodist minister who served the Richlands circuit in Koonce's time later wrote, "Bryant Shine Koonce and Abner Ervin were the official members at that place and exerted wholesome influence on all the others." Perkin's continued, "A few years later, Mr. Koonce and his family moved to Wilmington and he died shortly after his removal."

Records show on the 28th day of February in the year of 1837, Bryant Shine Koonce purchased one acre of land, adjoining the site of the old Methodist Meeting House, from William Mills, for the sum of \$25. On this parcel of ground Koonce built his palatial Home using the plans drawn up



The Bryant Shine Koonce house was built about 1837 having been designed by a New York Architect. It was the first building erected in what is now New Richlands, NC.

Drawing by Douglas C. Parker, Herbert, NC, 1976

by a famous New York architect, copying a house Koonce had seen many times and had admired in New York....

After the house was finished Mr. Koonce purchased an additional 320 acres for the sum of \$3,500 from the heirs of the deceased James Mills of Richlands, whereupon he established his plantation and erected the first general store of Richlands. The location became known as Koonce's Fork and the name has remained unto this day.

Here in this lovely new home Bryant Shine Koonce and his wife Ann Basden raised up a fine family of four sons and two daughters. It was at this home that Leonard Groninger Woodward, who came to Onslow in 1848 to become the first Master of the well-known Richlands Academy, found a suitable place to stay. The assistant

professor of the school, Thomas J. Whitaker of Jones County, also lived in the Koonce home, as well as several students from outlying areas.

In fact, Bryant Shine Koonce was a prime promoter in getting the Academy located at Richlands. Prior to the establishment of the Richlands Academy, Mr. Koonce taught school in an Old Field School house, located on the James Mills property. When James Mills died in 1837, the other heirs agreed to sell that particular part of their father's property which included "the Methodist Chapel, the well, all the out-buildings and the school house" to their brother William Mills.

Old Onslow County, North Carolina records show in September of 1855 Ann Koonce, widow of Bryant Shine Koonce, was appointed as guardian to her six children; Francis D., Mary Elizabeth, Leah S., Edward D., Bryan L., and John Koonce, with her bond set at \$30,000.

Francis D. Koonce went on to the University at Chapel Hill and Leah Shine Koonce, an accomplished musician, was educated at a Ladies Finishing School at Goldsboro. All the Koonce children went on to make their mark in the world. But the old home place back in Onslow stands stark and lonely, and will soon disappear from the face of the landscape forever.

Researched & Written by Mrs. Roscoe Taylor, Onslow County, North Carolina Historian - March 1980

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

!!! Caution !!!

Be on the lookout for misleading KOONCE mail. This is the ONLY organization that I am aware of that is strictly FOR Koonces BY Koonces TO Koonces.

For any other computer users I will pass along the following information. I use an IBM 486SX, 25Mhz, 170 hard drive, computer with a HP LaserJet Series II Printer. The genealogy program that I use is Personal Ancestral File (PAF) 2.3 from the Mormons. The Newsletter is done with the Microsoft Publisher 2.0. Any other information may be had for the asking.

In response to letters from readers we will, when possible, refer you to the source of the article so you can contact that individual for further communication. If there are errors, omissions or additions that you notice, you may send that information to KOONCE to KOONCE at the address below and it may be published in a future issue. The response and constructive criticism has been great. Keep it coming, it helps in writing a true history.

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John & Louisiana Koonce Sell Lot At Jackson & Taylor To Brother George Koonce

This Indenture, made this 6th day of October 1848, between John Koonce and Louisiana Koonce, his wife, of the one part, and George Koonce, all of the County of Jefferson of the State of Virginia, of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said John Koonce and Louisiana Koonce, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty dollars, current money of the United States, unto them in hand paid by the said George Koonce, at or before the sealing and delivering hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said George Koonce, his heirs and assigns forever, the certain lot described as lot No. 47 in the Reports of Wm. Lucas, Commissioner for the sale of the land of George Rowles' Adt. in the cause of Johnson Garrett, Piffe & Geo. Rowles' Adt. & others, pending in the Cir. Sup. Ct of Laws & Chancery of the County of Jefferson in the State of Virginia, being the same which was conveyed to the said John Koonce by the said Wm. Lucas, Comm., by deed bearing date the 25th, September 1848, and recorded in the Clerks office of the County court of Jefferson County in Deed Book N-30 page 114, and bounded as follows according to survey & plat made thereof by James N. Bormen, in Nov. 1846; beginning in the south line of Jackson Street, a corner to W-46, and 10⁵³/₁₀₀ poles from Taylor Street, thence with Jackson 3.50 to the corner of No. 48, thence with No. 48, 11.4 poles the corner of No. 48, 35 & 36, thence with 36, 3.51 poles to the corner of 36, 37 & 46, and thence with 46, 11.4 poles to the beginning, containing one fourth of an acre; together with all and singular the rights, improvements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever, thereunto belonging and the revisions and remaindors, rents, issues and profits thereof. To have and to hold all and singular the premises, with the appurtenances hereby granted, unto

the said George Koonce, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said George Koonce, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said George Koonce and Louisiana Koonce covenant for themselves and their heirs, that they seized of a good and indefeasible estate of fee simple in the premises, and that they have good right to convey the same to the said George Koonce, in manner aforesaid. And Lastly, that the said John Koonce and Louisiana Koonce, his wife, and their heirs, all and singular the premises hereby granted, with their appurtenances, unto the said George Koonce, his heirs and assigns, against the said John Koonce and Louisiana Koonce, his wife, and their heirs, and all and every other person, shall warrent and forever defend by these presents. In testimony whereof the said John Koonce and Louisiana Koonce, his wife, have hereunto set thier hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

John Koonce
Louisiana Koonce

CORRECTIONS

Editors Note: This Newsletter was started so that mistakes in the records of those contributing could be caught before a final book is put together. I want to thank all the people that caught and pointed out errors.

Page three of the January 1994 issue in **SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED**, the last line should be, "This family being related to me, I know the above is true."

Several people caught the word flower on page 9, **TASTE**, the recipe should read, flour. (I will have to ad "smell check" to my computer program.)

Ken Eib called my attention to typos on page 10 & 11. Waymon Leroy (Pinky) Koonce died 29 March and was buried 3 April, 1993.

MEMBERS RESPOND

Editors Note: Letters from members may be edited to fit. Content is the opinion of the writer and no effort will be made to verify any information contained in the letter. Accuracy is up to the reader to determine. If you have information that differs from any information in these letters, or anywhere in this Newsletter, please write to us and we may publish your information.

From Lindell F. Koonce

February 19, 1994

In **KOONCES OF THE NORTH-EAST Koonce lineage**, by Ellen Virginia Cosey, Hagerstown MD 1990 she indicates that Christopher Koonce (who with his brother George came to Philadelphia from Germany in about 1732) was the father of Nicholas Sr. who married Elizabeth Shriver b. 1792 d. 1883 and fathered eight children.

In **C. H. Koonce, Farmer P.O. Greenville** quoting the *History of Bond and Montgomery Counties 1882*, it states that Nicholas Koonce was the son of Henry Koonce who was born in Virginia.

The above two references both appear on page 4 of **KOONCE to KOONCE**, volume 1, Issue 1, and display the dilemma that has bothered me for years. Was Nicholas Koonce's father's name Christopher or Henry? The easy answer is that his name was both *ie* Christopher Henry Koonce. Note that one of Nicholas' sons was named Christopher H.

But there is additional evidence. The 1880 Bond County census lists Nicholas, a farmer age 62, giving him a birth year of 1788 which means he was born 56 years after his father (and brother George) arrived in Philadelphia in about 1732. If this is the case how old was Christopher when he made the trip from Germany in 1732? If Christopher was the father of Nicholas he made the trip when he was quite small (apparently without his mother) or Nicholas was born when Christopher was well past middle age.

In 1979, Mable Alice Koonce Buckles b. 1889 d. 1979 (great-granddaughter of Nicholas) gave me copies of notes made by Darrell (her father's brother) that state:

"Nicholas Koonce's grandfather with Christopher came to America from Germany with his elder brother George about 1732, landed at Philadelphia; George taught school . . . married and remained in PA"

"Christopher came to . . . VA, . . . married and had several children, two of them sons, Nicholas and Christopher. Christopher went west - no further information.

"Nicholas remained in Loudoun County and married Mary Shriver."

These notes made by Nicholas' grandson could be interpreted to indicate that there was a third Koonce (Nicholas' grandfather) with Christopher and George when they came to Philadelphia in about 1732. I am reluctant to take notes like these too seriously but they add some credence to the theory that Christo-

pher was very young when he came from Germany, in about 1732.

Personally I am not pushing any theory and only bring it up in the hope that somewhere someone has information that will confirm the name of Nicholas' father (Who would be my g-g-g-grandfather) and of course any other of Nicholas' ancestors.

Thank you for sending me the initial issue of **KOONCE to KOONCE**. Enclosed is my check for future issues. My address is: Koonce, Lindell F.; RR2 Box 463, Koonce Rd.; Murphysboro, IL 62066.

Some trivia: As far as I know there is no word in the English language that "sounds like" Koonce such as Jones sounds like bones.

From Robert Allen Gray February 23, 1994

It was a thrill to know you & Alice Koonce are working on our line - Alice and Pinky Koonce came to see us. She is a gracious Lady.

I'm from Nancy Dodson & Philip Koonce through their daughter Burdotta Koonce, also Admiral Frank Kelso is from same line through Robert M. Koonce, who married a Stiles. I am from Martha Elizabeth Koonce who married William Riley Smith (Schmidt), this Smith came from the area of Dresden Germany.

Robert M. and Martha Elizabeth are children of Burdotta & Needham B. Koonce. It is almost certain that Needham B. & George Koonce were brothers, as George has a son Needham Perryman Koonce who married Mary Murphy. They are great grand parents of Dennis Stewart who was Leo in movie Grease with John Travolta. He was 9 years old when last in Fayetteville.

A Mr. Stamps, who is related on my Smith (Schmidt) side, did a book, and of course, much of it is on the Smith-Koonce line that you can use.

Needham Perryman Koonce's wife, Mary Murphy Koonce, in WW II, knitted a pair of sox, picked the cotton, used rabbit fur and put a small flag on them and sent them to President Woodrow Wilson and he answered with a nice letter.

John, did you ever hear that we may be part Indian? We think it came from Dodson, not Koonce. I have the Philip Koonce biography that Arthur Reagon gave me. Elijah Dodson was said to be killed by Indians when Nancy was 3 yrs. old. Arthur Reagon won't print it. No written proof can be found about it.

I can take you to Stewart cemetery where Needham B. and Needham Perryman are buried. I was in a music Harmonica band with Rozell Kelso. Her friend died who was to take us to the McGee Kelso Cemetery where Philip & Letty etc. are, all is grown up. The man that owned it did not give us permission to clean it up. I would say Stewart Cemetery, here, has more Koonces than any place else. The Kelso-Koonce line are in Rose Hill at Fayetteville.

"AUNT IZZY"

Isabel Koonce Aune Mayer 1907-

by Isabel Mayer, 1986.

My father & mother, James M. Koonce & Agatha E. Ayde met at Grandpa Aydes' farm. My dad was a hired hand. The farm was located on Lexington Ave & Co. Rd. C, across from Carriers Store.

Eventually my dad & mother moved into St. Paul, MN on Robert St. across from Michauds grocery store. My dad was a delivery man and my mother ran a rooming house. This was where I was born, October 14th, 1907. (me & Eisenhower)

My brother, Bob, must have been born on the farm, he was older than I.

Somewhere along the line here my mother & dad separated, she moved, with us kids, to 1092 Kilburn near Como Park, she also had roomers there.

Later, mother bought a farm west of Barnum, MN between Barnum & Moose Lake where we went to a small school, about a mile from home, until the fifth or sixth grade. Then we had to go to Barnum High School, which was three miles away & we had to walk or ride horseback until they finally got school buses to take us back & forth.

I finally was old enough to go out & work (ages & dates escape me) so I went to Moose Lake & worked in the only hotel there, cleaning for the summer.

Along here somewhere my dad came back to live with us. Everything was fine for awhile. We helped pick stones in the field, top rhutabagas & I helped the boys one winter with chores & milking cows while my dad was out logging. So my folks bought me a coat out of the catalog, which I really treasured, because I always had to wear hand-me-downs, sent to us by our, so we thought, rich relatives from St. Paul.

Then came the Moose Lake fire that burned down all our barns. The cattle & horses all got out O.K. I was so frightened I grabbed a dresser drawer from the house, but when I got out on the steps dropped it there & ran for the neighbors. The boys

were up on the roof of the house pouring water on it to keep the house from catching fire. People were driving by with people who were burned, calling for help. Hundreds of people stood in Moose Lake for hours to keep from catching on fire.

Some time later my mother went to St. Paul to help a sister who was giving birth. One day while we were at school my father built a fresh fire in the stove then went over to the neighbors, the stove over heated & burned the house down. We were notified at school, so someone shipped us kids off to St. Paul by train in the middle of the night, to grandma Aydes, of course.

Somewhere along the line here my mother & dad separated again. Then she built a four bedroom house on the farm in Barnum.

I only finished second year in Barnum High school.

It was in Barnum school I met Ann Sedor who lived on the other side of Bear Lake. I used to go stay with her some times, she & I use to take a boat on the lake once in a while & try to catch loons, but by the time we got to where we saw them they would swim under water & be on the other side of the lake.

Some time along the line here I went to St. Paul to find a job. The first was working for Steinworths', he was some big shot for the Kellogg Co. so we always had plenty of cereal to choose from. I was only there two weeks when the Steinworths decided to go on vacation for 2 weeks & left me to care for their 5 children, everything went well, they lived on Hewitz Ave. across from Newell Park. When they got back I decided to go to comtometer school, so I worked for the Steinworths 1/2 day and went to comtometer school 1/2 day. The school was on Raymond Ave. so I walked from Newell Park to Raymond Ave. & back every afternoon.



In the mean time, my brother Bob & my friend Ann Sedor fell in love, ran the farm for a while then moved to St. Paul and lived in a house across the alley from Grandma Ayde on Kilburne Street.

I never did get a comtometer job, but I finally got a job at Kroemer Grocery Store on Chatsworth & Union Street & worked there several years. One time I sprained my ankle real bad & had to use crutches so Mr. Kroemer let me come to work anyway & just sit and answer telephone, in those days grocers delivered, and once in awhile Mr. Kroemer let me go to the market with him at 5 in the morning. Fun.

It was at this time I met my husband, Rubin Aune, he and my brother Bob worked for Grudem Bros. Furnace Co. We went together for over a year then decided to get married, rented a 2 room apt. on Chatsworth. I still worked at Kroemers.

My brother, Norman, came to live with us for awhile. Pretty cramped. One night I woke up, turned on the lights & our bed & walls were crawling with bed bugs, Yuh! But the landlord had the place fumigated & was livable again.

Oh yes, before I married Rubin, my brother Norman & I rented a little house on Asbury near the Como Park Golf Course. He worked for Fleishman Yeast Co. I was still working for Kroemers, in the winter I hauled my groceries on a sled.

Finally Rubin & I moved out of our apartment on Chatsworth to a larger place on Territorial Rd. & Raymond Ave., we had some good times there, would go to Macents' Bar & Restaurant at night & have a few drinks & dance. St. Cecelia church was a few blocks from there so I

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used to go there on Sundays & Holy days.

Rubin wasn't Catholic, we were married in St. Andrews' rectory.

From Territorial Rd. & Raymond we moved to an apartment on Prior & University. Up over Grudems Bros. office, we took calls at night in our apartment. Some times when Rubin was on night duty I used to go with him on calls, I remember one winter night I went with him to Stillwater. Oh! what a night, cold, slippery, that hill in Stillwater was nothing but ice, but we survived.

We did this for some time then Rubin started drinking too much, wouldn't come home on payday. I had to go out & find him in order to get any money to pay the rent ect., so he finally messed up at work and got fired.

Rubin's brother Erv and wife Harriet were working in Trona, Calif. for some Co. that was making salt out on the Mojave Dessert so we moved to Trona. Rubin got a job and then I got pregnant, we stayed there until I was about due, then I decided I wanted to have my baby back home so we took off for Baldwin, Wisconsin. What a trip, the roads were so slippery up in the mountains that several times we almost went over into the gullies, no guard rails at all, but we made it.

I stayed with grandma & grandpa Aune till time for my son Dick to be born. Erv, Harriet & Rubin went back to Trona.

I stayed in Baldwin till almost time to give birth, then took a bus to St. Paul, the bus was crowded & I had to stand up all the way to St. Paul, stayed with brother Bob & wife Ann.

Finally the big day came. I went to the Northern Pacific Hospital & my son, Richard Jerome Aune was born early in the morning, February 8th, 1937. After I left the hospital, I went back to Bob & Ann's and stayed with them, took care of their five children while Ann went to the hospital to have their 6th child, Donald.

I stayed there until Ann got home from the hospital and was able to take over, then I went back to Baldwin, in the

meantime grandpa Aune had passed away, they had a hired man & milk route in Baldwin. The hired man did the chores and I delivered the milk. Had a Chevrolet coupe, would dress Dick all up and lay him in the coupe and deliver the milk. One wintery day we took the dirt road to town but I was afraid of getting stuck so I took the highway home. As I turned off the highway to go into the farm I hit a snow drift & got stuck anyway so had to carry Dick about a quarter of a mile to the house. In the summer I used to take lunch out in the field for the threshers and farm help.

"several times we almost went over into the gullies"

When Dick was 9 mos. old I decided to go back to St. Paul and get a job, which I did keeping house for a sister and a brother, everything was fine until one night the brother tried to crawl into bed with Dick & I. The next day I told the sister I was quitting, but never did I tell her the real reason. I then went & stayed with my sister Josephine who lived in downtown St. Paul. Finally got another job out in Highland keeping house for a father & son. Nice house & neighborhood but that night when I went to bed the mattress was soaked with urine, so didn't sleep all night. Next day when the man went to work and the son went to school Dick & I left, took a street car to Josephines', suit case in one hand and Dick on my arm, oh boy!

Looking for a job again, finally found one working in a grocery & tavern on Cleveland & St. Anthony, called the Corner Inn. Got an apt. on Myrtle Street, was about a mile from work, walked back & forth every day, was on the night shift, a neighbor lady took care of Dick until Rubin came back from California then I started working days at the Corner Inn & Rubin got a job working there also as bar-

tender at night, but he soon goofed that up.

I worked one day and Rubin was taking care of Dick. They went some place & when he thought I was home left Dick off a block from home to come home alone, Dick was only three.

That was it, I'd had it, so when he came home I told him to keep on going, we had an apartment on Myrtle Street then.

I heard that Rubin sold the car & hitch hiked to his mothers in Baldwin Wisc.

I stayed on at the Corner Inn and had to get my neighbor to babysit. Later I moved in with my cousin Delia & her two girls, Betty & Carol who lived on Wilder, a block & a half from the Corner Inn. Later Dick & I got a small apt. not far from there & the landlady took care of Dick. I went to work for Strandys' Bakery working from midnight to eight in the morning. Didn't get much sleep as it was summer & Dick wasn't about to go to bed early & was always awake when I got home in the morning.

It was at the Corner Inn I met Eddie Gosiak, he & I went together for some time, we bought a cabin down near Stillwater, would take a bunch of people from the Corner Inn & go down there on weekends, we later sold the cabin & bought an old building on St. Anthony & Fairview & made a grocery store out of it. Dick & I had a small apartment in the back so we rented out the upper part. There was an old coke furnace in the building that didn't work too good, one morning I woke up, looked at Dick & his face was just black, I took a look in the mirror at myself & I was the same & the furnace was smoking. We then had a new furnace put in.

It was slow going for awhile but we kept putting in more & more sock & finally a meat market, my brother Jerry was the butcher & he carried nothing but the best.

Eddie wasn't much help, he spent

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most of his time at the Corner Inn.

Dick & I finally moved upstairs where we had two bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room & bath. Made our apartment downstairs into storage rooms. Had a large porch upstairs which we later winterized & made into a bedroom for Dick, then my dad came to live with us.

Eddie also moved in & shared the bedroom with Dick.

We had a dog, Tony, who knew she wasn't allowed in the store but would sneak in the door with a customer once in a while if she wanted to come in, but she would run in the back & wait for a wiener then go upstairs. We also had a cat to keep the mice out, but she sneaked out and got pregnant & one day when I was waiting on a customer she got under the counter and had kittens.

Eddie never was much help around the store, was out drinking every night & slept most of the day. One day Jerry wanted to ask him something about the business, so went upstairs to talk to him & he was dead. I then had to pay his sister for his share of the store, then I was soul owner.

*"For six years
we had a very
happy marriage"*

I ran the store alone for a while, the help was real good tho'. Then the milkman & I fell in love, went together awhile, then got married. His name was Al Mayer, he quit the Minnesota Milk Co. & helped me in the store, the customers all loved him.

About 29 years ago Al woke up one morning & said he didn't feel too good so I told him that I would go down and open up the store. We used to take turns doing that, but he said no he'd try to make it, so he got up, had breakfast then went into the bathroom to shave, all of a sudden I heard a terrible thump, ran to the bathroom & Al was on the floor, I could tell

right away he was dead but called the doctor anyway who said he had died before he fell, so I was alone again. My brother Jerry was butcher then so he came in and opened the store.

The only time the store was ever closed was a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon & from 9 pm to 8 am and the day Al was buried.

So, I was alone again. This was in 1957. Finally my brother Jerry decided to go on his own, bought a butcher shop on Marshal Ave. So Dick O'Donnell who was working for me took over the butcher shop, was real good at it, so we carried on as usual, for four more years then Dick O'Donnell bought my stock and took over. Then I moved into my house on Wheeler Ave. Dick O'Donnell got married and moved up over the store, I worked for him awhile then the state bought the building as freeway 194 was going thru there. Dick moved the stock to a store on Chatsworth & Selby, I worked for him for awhile there, was driving then but when winter came & the driving got bad I had to Quit.

I then got a job at Midway Hospital as a housekeeper, took care of the building where the nurses used to room & an Apartment building where the doctors used to sleep when they had to stay over night with patients.

I worked there until I was 65 years old, then retired.

Forgot to mention that when Dick O'Donnell bought my stock in the store I bought a house at 440 N. Wheeler, it had three 1 room efficiency apts. & one 2 room apt. & one 4 room apt. with bath that I moved into. It was only 2 blocks from the hospital so I could walk back & forth to work. I then sold my car and haven't driven since.

My son, Dick, and his wife lived there until I retired then they bought their own place on Osceola St.

I then moved into my house. Had real nice tenants all the while. After work they all gathered in my kitchen for a couple of drinks & a little chit-chat, some helped me cut the lawn and go

grocery shopping.

I kept this place going until 1975 when Calhoun Realty stopped by and asked if I wanted to sell, well good old George Meyer was gone by then and I couldn't find any one to come in and fix things like he did so I said yes and in no time it was sold to a young fellow by the name of John Burgett, then my brother Jerry, who is gone now, took me apartment hunting, we found this place at 1220 Sherburne Apt. #5 second floor. Lived there a couple of years, then Apt. #2 on the first floor was vacant so I moved down. Been in this building for eleven years, twelve in October. I like it very much. It's close to University bus & St. Columba Church & Midway Center.

I am 79 years old and will be 80 October 14th, 1987 & just enjoying life.

Have a little heart problem which slows me down a little but not too much of a problem.

I go to mass every Sunday, then out to breakfast with the caretaker & his wife. To mass again on Wednesday & senior meeting after mass, this month another gal & I are making the coffee to have with rolls at our senior meeting on Monday & sometimes go down to the Wilder Senior Center & have lunch & play bingo, sometimes to the V.F.W. on University Ave. on Saturday night & play bingo or to the Elks for special dinners they have, have lunch with friends etc.

So you see my life is not too exciting but at 79 who can take too much excitement? Ha!

Ed Koonce & 3-M Co.

On August 2, 1950. William Edward Koonce answered this ad in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "MESSENGER - 16 yr student and gd reason for not going back to school". He started work at 3-M company 3 days later and rose to Senior Analyst by the time he retired in early 1993, after over 42 years with the company. And he's still under 60 years old. "Kinda makes ya jealous, don't it".

HESSIAN KOONCES IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 1776

(This was recieved from J. Peter Koonce, 1994)

KOONCE HISTORY

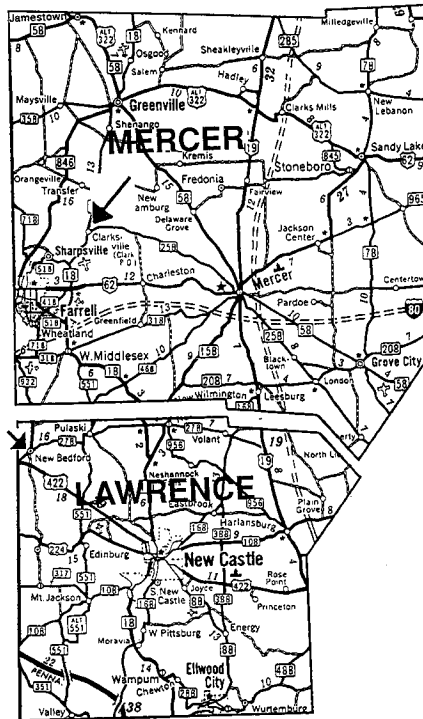
Koonce family history notes as handed down from Daniel Koonce to Joseph Koonce to William C. Koonce to Emma Koonce to Paul Achre to Allen Koonce to J. Peter Koonce.

During the War of 1776 between the Colonies and Great Britain, the King of England was unable to get enough soldiers because many of his people had close ties with friends and relatives in American.

He hired nearly 30,000 German troops, about half of them from the two states of Hesse, hence the troops were known as Hessian soldiers. In this group were two brothers, Joseph and Henri Koonce, both officers. Joseph is the head of our line.

George Washington believed that if he could get the Hessians to understand our position, he could win them to the Colonists side. He caused to be captured a group of seventeen Hessians, among them Joseph and Henri Koonce. He took them to his headquarters at Valley Forge and kept them for several months and then turned them loose to do missionary work with the Hessians, in which work they aided in the American victory at Trenton.

After their initial capture Joseph and Henri, with other Hessians, served



with Washington until the end of the War. As a reward Washington gave to Joseph and Henri 360 acres each near

the town of Bedford, PA*. The tracts are said to have been personal gifts from Washington.

Joseph is buried in the old Dutch cemetery near Bedford. Following the war Joseph returned to Hesse for his family, his son Samuel born in Hesse in 1772, is the second in this Koonce line and is our ancestor. Samuel sold his farm on Bloody Creek near Bedford in 1808 and moved his family to Clarksville**. Samuel, his wife Nancy, and some of their children are buried in Clarksville Cemetery.

All this checks perfectly with other information which I have in the Koonce file.

Information gathered by Allen Koonce March 15, 1967.

* While I have not checked it out, I suspect "Bedford" is really "New Bedford" in Lawrence Co., PA. See map.

** "Clarksville" may now be "Clark", a small town near what used to be Clarksville in Mercer Co. PA. See Clarksville story below.

WHAT IS A BILLION

Most people in Washington have lost sight of what a billion dollars is. One billion seconds ago; the first atomic bomb had not been exploded; one billion minutes ago Christ was still on earth; one billion hours ago men were still living in caves; yet, one billion dollars ago—in terms of government spending—was yesterday.

CLARKSVILLE

The first settlers, the Clarks, came in 1804 and in 1829, laid out the village. The village plat of 1829 wasn't much different from the town that died with the Shenango River Reservoir. During the days of the Beaver and Lake Erie Canal, Clarksville had an economic spurt. Ideally situated on the banks of the waterway in a section where loading and unloading were convenient, it was one of the foremost of Mercer County towns in the years from 1844-1871.

When the canal closed, an attempt was made to route a railroad through Clarksville. Though the effort was abandoned. The Property that was to be used for the station was one of the plots taken by the U.S. Army Engineers for the reservoir. Clarksville declined into a little country village.

From 1913, there was always the possibility that some day, reservoir water would back over the village. Clarksville was ideally located for being part of a reservoir. In 1960, the threats became truth.

But Clarksville refused to die. Immediately aggressive the little town of 312 attempted to annex South Pymatuning Township land on the hillside south of it so it could be rebuilt.

The case was taken to the State Supreme Court which awarded 1,500 acres in South Pymatuning Township to Clarksville. Over 700 graves were taken from old Glenwood Cemetery in a tree-shrouded section of the old town to dry land in the newer community burying ground.

KOONCE FAMILY UPDATES

MESA COLLISION; MARY KOONCE EIB TO HOSPITAL

Four people were hospitalized December 18, 1993 as the result of a three-vehicle accident.

Mary Koonce Eib, 68, a rear passenger in a Lincoln Town Car that collided with a Chevrolet S-10 pickup was flown to Good Samaritan Hospital with chest, stomach and respiratory trauma.

In a letter from Ken & Mary dated February 16, 1994 Ken said it was touch and go for about three days. Mary suffered 3 broken ribs, punctured lung, 3 breaks in her pelvic, a broken leg and a concussion with a traumatized eye.

Her bones are healing good. She is still on a walker and wheel chair, but still has problems with her eyes. They were told it may be another 6 months. They say, "We're claiming healing from the Lord."

We all wish Mary the best.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MALCOLM

Robert Malcolm Koonce was born April 3, 1906 the son of Henry Emmitt & Joanna Reynolds Koonce. "Malcolm" is the father of five children, Robert, Eugene, Mack, Jimmie and Alma Rogers. He is the ultimate authority on hunting & fishing of all kinds in the Ozark Mountains.

There was a birthday party for him at the home of his daughter, Alma, in Jackson, TN on April 10th.

Editors note: I have met Malcolm a few times while attending the Koonce Family reunion in Blythville, AR and enjoyed his stories about the hills very much.

Bessie D. Koonce Ventress Celebrates 100th Birthday

by Robert Allen Gray

Bessie D. Koonce was born March 6, 1894 in Lincoln Co. TN. The daughter of Robert Edward and Sarah Jane Frances Ventress Koonce. She attended Rowland School & McGee School. She went on to teach school at the old Methodist Church.

She married Charlie Ventress, they had no children. They lived on Gray Lane at first then in 1928 bought the beautiful Mt. Misery Farm and lived there till Charlie died in 1944. She then made her home with Jim & Helen Ventress.

There was a huge birthday party of about 100 people hosted by Helen Ventress, Lillian Crum & Glennis Koonce held at the Skill Care Center in Fayetteville, TN.

OBIT

Reprinted from the "Daily News" Wed., February 2, 1994

COMFORT - Mary Brown Koonce Frank, 88, a homemaker of 600 Eagle Nest Farm Road died Jan. 31 at her home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Richlands United Methodist Church with the Rev. William A. Boykin presiding. Burial will follow at the Koonce family cemetery on Eagle Nest Farm Road.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Koonce Marston of Kinston and Mrs. Frances Koonce Barker of Trenton; three nephews, Mr. John F. Marton of Kinston, Mr. Edgar B. Marston III of Raleigh and Mr. Frank W. Koonce of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two nieces, Mrs. Janet K. Dumas of Raleigh and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Montgomery of Fairfield, Ohio.

The family will receive visitors from 6 to 9 tonight at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Edward E. Frank Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Lenoir Community College, P.O. Box 188, Kinston, N.C. 28501.

Arrangements by Edwards Funeral Home, 702 N. Queen St., Kinston.



"Aunt Virginia"

by John Paul Koonce

I wish we could print this newsletter in color. Virginias coat is a gorgeous red leather reversible mink. She said it's, "My present to me 1993". She and I have only met by mail, phone and her book on the Koonces, but I feel that I know her. We will be enjoying the stories from her book in many newsletters.

Ellen Virginia Koonce was born March 1, 1902 at Halltown, Jefferson Co. West Virginia. The daughter of Harry Stafford and Edna Pauline Henkle Koonce. She was the oldest of 7 Children, 3 girls and 4 boys. Virginia married Fonrose Wissner Cosey March 18, 1933 in Halifax, NC.

TASTE by Nancy Schroeder Koonce

This recipe came from a long time friend of mine and John's, Edith Martell. Her favorite pastime is baking for friends and relatives. Any time visitors stop in to visit Victor & Edith they can count on a good variety of baked goods and coffee being put on the table. This Rhubarb Fluff is one of my favorites because the rhubarb is picked fresh from the garden. Things seem to taste better when they are grown in your own garden and picked fresh. This rhubarb fluff desert freezes very well so you can enjoy it in the middle of the winter. Rhubarb is also readily available in the produce department of your grocery store.

RHUBARB FLUFF

2C Flour	1/4t Salt
2T Sugar	1C Half & Half
1/2C Butter	6T Flour
5C Cut up rhubarb	6 Egg whites
6 Egg yolks	3/4C Sugar
2C Sugar	Cream of Tartar
	Coconut

Blend the first three (3) ingredients (Flour, sugar and butter) and press into the bottom of a 9"x13"x2" pan. Bake in a 350° oven for 10 Minutes. Remove from the oven & arrange rhubarb over this crust. Combine the yolks, 2 cups sugar, salt, half & half and 6 tablespoons flour. Pour over the rhubarb. Return to the oven for 40 minutes or until puffed up & tests done. Beat egg whites & 3/4 cup sugar, with a speck of Cream of Tartar, until a stiff meringue. Spread on top, sprinkle with coconut & bake another 10 min. Cut into squares.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Send information on your family reunions to: **KOONCE to KOONCE**
1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025

August 6, 1994 - Blythville, AR. Held at the Holiday Inn. Make all reservations through the Holiday Inn and tell them you are coming for the KOONCE reunion, they will attempt to block the rooms together. Plan to arrive on Saturday to visit and go to dinner with Alma and clan. Buffet Lunch is on Sunday at the Holiday Inn. For more information call Alma Koonce Rogers 1-901-668-7863.

August 20, 1994 - THE GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC & GATHERING. Golf starts at 9:00 AM Saturday at Chabre Golf course in Somerset, WI. For information on golfing call or write

Bob Koonce, 612-777-2985, 2938 Hamlet Ave. N., Oakwood, MN 55128.

The Gathering will be at the Park in Bayport, MN starting at 1:00 PM Saturday. For information on the gathering call or write Patrica Koonce, 612-739-9625, 590 Gentry Ave. N., Oakdale MN 55128.

Last year about 125 people showed up from Oregon, Colorado, Tennessee, Minnesota and Wisconsin. We had a great time. Come join us. If you do not know if you are related, come and find out.

October 2, 1994 - Fayetteville, TN. Liberty Community Center. For information call Robert Allen Gray, 1-615-438-0032.

??? QUERIES ???

Send all of your Queries and responses to:
KOONCE to KOONCE,
1821 37th St., Somerset, WI 54025

George Koonce 1792-1863. m Mary (poly) Houston Enloe, 9 Jun 1816 in Davidson Co. TN. Who were his parents?

What was the name of the ship that John Cunitz came over on in 1710 with his wife and three children. What port in Virginia did they land? Hampton? Would anyone want the challenge of building a model of the ship if we can identify it?

Who were the parents of Council Koonce, born about 1865, possibly in Jones Co. NC. Council had at least one child, a son, Thomas Koonce, born 18 Oct. 1889, m. Lillie May Heath.

Tom Palmer, 1121 Havey Rd. Madison, WI 53704, requests the following information:

David KOONCE, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE — looking for age and date/place of birth/death. Possibly died in Cumberland, MD.

Sarah KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHIVER KOONCE, died July 1854 in Harper's Ferry, VA; looking for burial place.

Elizabeth KOONCE, dau. of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, married John C. LOVETT and lived in Bond County, IL — looking for date of death & burial place.

Looking for information on Mary F. KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, and who married Uriah N. Smith in Bond Co. IL on 08 Nov 1860.

John Koonce, 1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025 is looking for the following information:

Who are Elizabeth Koonce and Edward Koonce that are buried in Mulberry Grove Cemetery to the left of the road nearest town.

The inscription on the stones read:

Elizabeth Koonce, daughter of J. R. Koonce died 1870.

Edward Koonce (no other identification).

Mrs. Lora Koonce Ryan...100

Reprinted from the Fairfield Recorder, Thursday, February 3, 1994. Submitted by Eleanor Parker Swank.

Former resident of the Fairfield area, Mrs. Lora Koonce Ryan, celebrated her 100th birthday on January 5, 1994, hosted at Walnut Place Nursing Center in Dallas.

Mrs. Ryan expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the celebration. Her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ryan-Harkey, took care of the invitations and more than 40 guests attended the birthday party.

"I can't believe it's really been 100 years," says Mrs. Ryan. "It's passed so fast, I think I'll make 200!"

Special guests attending the affair included Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perot and their daughter, Mrs. Nancy (Ross Clay) Mulford. The Perot family "adopted" Mrs. Ryan as their grandmother years ago after they fell in love with her when she was working in the church nursery while their children were small.

Mr. Perot said that one secret to Mrs. Ryan's longevity is her strong faith and positive attitude.

Other special guests included Mrs. Ryan's doctor, her lawyer and her pastor.

"I told her doctor that whatever he's doing, he must be doing it right because Mother is in really good health," says Mrs. Ryan-Harkey.

This 100-year-old lady is famous for her ever-smiling disposition and her contagious laughter. One nurse, Beth McIlheney, arranged the celebration for Mrs. Ryans birthday.

"She is full of humor and so much fun to be around," says Nurse McIlheney. "We just wanted to help make this day really special for her."

Among a host of other guests, Dallas relatives and former residents of Fairfield attending include Mrs. Mattie Koonce Bigony; Mrs. Faynell Brown (Herbert) Parker; Eleanor Parker Swank and husband, John Swank, Jr.

Lora Koonce was born January 5, 1894 to George W. Koonce and Georgia A. Duncan Koonce in the Turlington community east of Fairfield, where she also grew up.

"When I was a little girl, we didn't



Ross Perot attended the 100th birthday party of one of his favorite friends, Mrs. Lora Koonce Ryan. Shown with Mrs. Ryan, seated are: l-r, cousins Eleanor Parker Swank and Farnell Brown Parker, and Ross Perot.

have bathrooms like we do now," laughs Mrs. Ryan. "It was just a little box room outside the house with a hole cut in it, and we called it a 'privy'."

After graduating from Sam Houston Normal Institute, Young Miss Koonce was an expression teacher (speech) for several years.

In 1923 she married Rev. Harry G. Ryan. She dearly loved and truly respected her husband, and their home was one in which the husband made all the decisions. After marriage, Mrs. Ryan's teaching was limited to Sunday School classes and directing plays and programs for the church.

"In all my years growing up, I don't remember Mother ever frowning," says Mrs. Ryan-Harkey. "She always looked at the positive and kept a smile on her face."

Mrs. Ryan never appeared to waste her time worrying about things she couldn't control, and tried to teach her daughter to do the same.

"Whenever I had a 'crisis' growing up and would discuss it with Mother, she would always ask what I had done about it. 'After I told her what I had done about the problem, she would say, 'Then that's all you can do, so don't worry about it.'"

The one time that Mrs. Ryan-Harkey remembers a solemn look on her mother is when this daughter was run over by a car that all but severed her left arm.

"We were having a church social and I ran into the road to get a ball," recalls

Mrs. Ryan-Harkey. "I was just four years old, and the accident left my forearm connected only with a thin piece of skin above the back of my elbow."

Rev. and Mrs. Ryan rushed their daughter to the hospital, with a group of concerned church members following behind. After arrival, Mrs. Ryan instructed all of the church members to go down the hall and pray for their daughter, while the Ryans anxiously waited to see a doctor.

"When the doctor walked in, he immediately recognized my mother as a former classmate in High school, even though they had not even seen each other since graduation. As soon as he realized I was Lora Koonce's child, he told her that he would do everything he could."

After examination, the doctor told the Ryans that the safest thing to do was just clip the flesh that was still attached to the upper arm, then let the stump heal. But he added that if they insisted, he would try to save her arm, but that it would be a slow, risky process.

"You have to remember that this was long before penicillin," says Mrs. Ryan-Harkey, "and since the bone was crushed and gravel was imbedded in the tissue, the danger of infection was extremely high."

That was the one time that Rev. Ryan asked his wife for help in making a decision...a very important one.

"My mother said that as she silently prayed about the decision, she envisioned a little girl running across the yard with and empty sleeve, and she told the doctor to make every effort to save my arm."

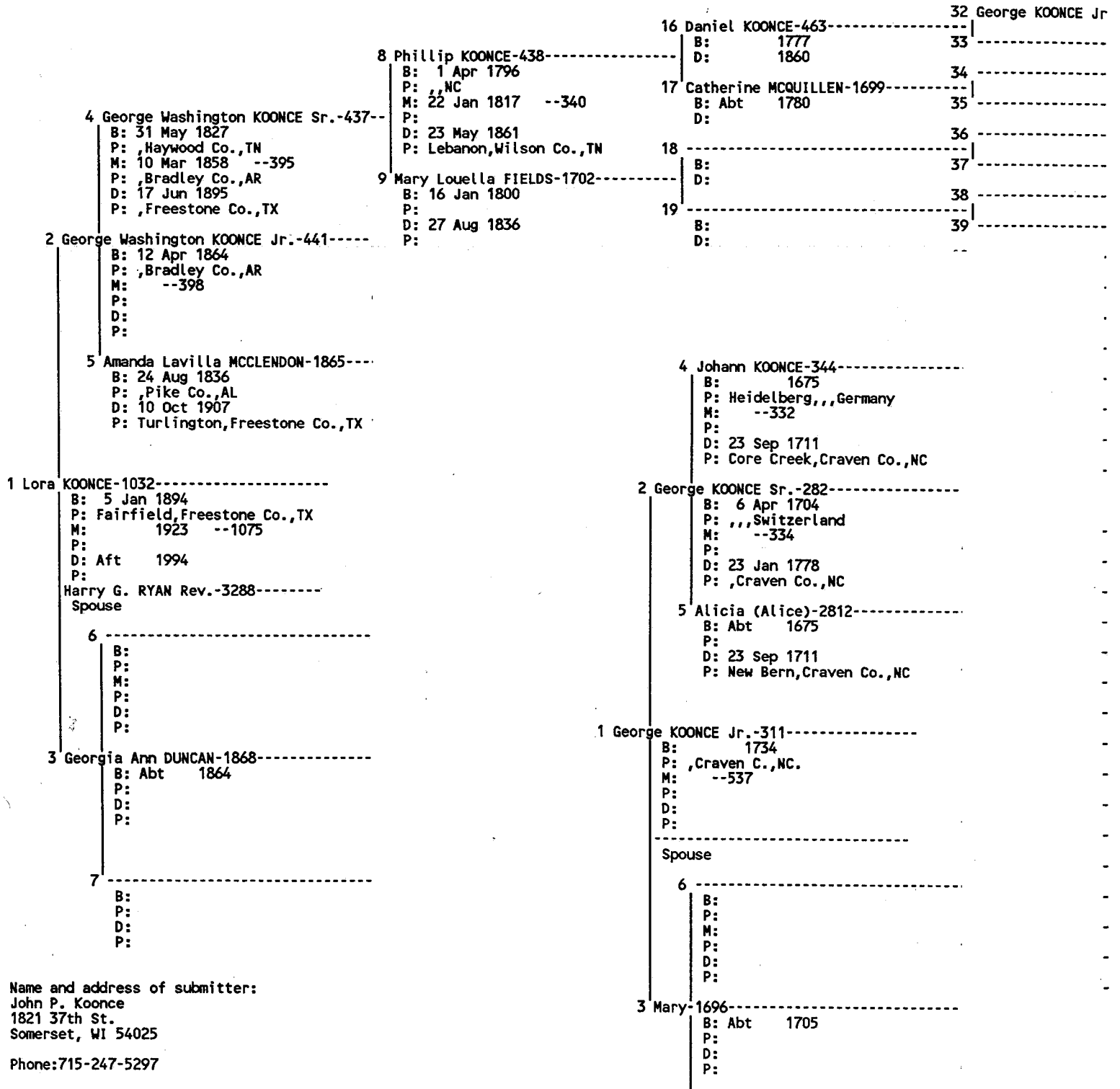
Dr. Carroll Driver made medical history with the salvation of little Margaret Ryan's arm and constructing a new joint for her. Today, she has full use of her left arm, with only severe upper arm scars as an indication of the traumatic accident. She doesn't even suffer from arthritis or any chronic pain in her arm.

"I think every month for about a year, the doctor had to add a little section to my arm, until I could extend it all the way, and I know that Mother never doubted for a moment that I would be okay...her faith never waivers. I think we can all learn from her loving wisdom."

PEDIGREE CHART

23 Mar 1994

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Name and address of submitter:
John P. Koonce
1821 37th St.
Somerset, WI 54025
Phone: 715-247-5297

GEORGE A. KOONCE MOVES

This land deed is on file in the Bond Co. IL Courthouse in Greenville, IL. A copy is in the files of John P. Koonce, Somerset, WI. Asahel Enloe was the father of Mary Houston Enloe, Georges wife.

Wiatt Stubblefield and wife deed to George Koonce. Recorded January 18, 1831 by A. Enloe, R.B.C. Fee \$0.75.

Know all men by these presents that we, Wiatt Stubblefield and Sarah Stubblefield, wife of said Wiatt, both of the County of Bond and State of Illinois, of the first part and George Koonce of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars to us in hand paid by the said George Koonce, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released & confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the said George Koonce his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns a certain tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County & State aforesaid and in the district of lands

offered for sale at Edwardsville. It being known as the North half of the North East quarter of section No. Eleven, In Township No. five North, and Range No. three, west of the third principal meridian. To have and to hold the aforesaid described premises to him, the said George Koonce, his heirs, executors and administrators forever. And we the said Wiatt Stubblefield and Sarah Stubblefield do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators to Warrent and to defend the aforesaid premiseses, against the lawful claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th day of December 1830.

Wiatt Stubblefield, (his mark)
Sarah Stubblefield (her mark)

[This is George Koonce's bounty land records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.]

On this thirteenth day of May 1855, personally appeared before me J. H. Birge an acting Justice of the Peace in and for

the County and state aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths George KOONCE aged sixty three years, a resident of Bond County in the state of Illinois who being duly sworn, according to law, declares that he is the original George KOONCE who was a private in the company commanded by Captain William Creele in the regiment of draftsmen commanded by Col. Cheatham in the war of the United States with the Creek Indians in the year 1813.

That he was drafted at Davidson County in the state of Tennessee on or about the twentieth day of December 1812 for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Giles County in the state of Tennessee on or about the first day of May 1813. Who states he served three months in The Black Hawk War as will appear by the muster roll of said company. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act granting additional bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service, of the United States, approved March 3rd 1855. And refers to his former declaration, made under act of September 1850 upon which he obtained a Land Warrant for eighty acres, which he having disposed of and is not now within his power to return.

He further declares that he has not received a Warrant for Bounty Land under any other act of Congress, nor made any application therefore, than the one above referred to under act of September 1850 upon which he obtained the said Land Warrant for eighty acres and the one now presented.

Signed, George Koonce

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of May A.D. 1855, and I certify the said H. A. Combs and Henry D. Rhea are credible and respectable citizens.

Signed J.H. Birge J.P.

I certify that George Koonce, a private in my company of militia, having served on an operation against the Creek Indians

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George A. Koonce 1792-1863

by John Paul Koonce

George A. Koonce⁽¹⁾ was born in December 1792⁽²⁾ in North or South Carolina⁽³⁾. When George was about 21 years old in 1813 he was drafted, from Davidson Co. TN, into the war of the U.S. against the Creek Indians, under Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson⁽²⁾.

On 9 June 1816 he married Mary Houston Enloe in Davidson Co. TN⁽⁴⁾. They had 10 Children: (1) Isaac, born 1817 in TN; (2) Cynthia, born 1819 place unknown; (3) Elizabeth, born about 1820 place unknown; (4) Emma, born 1821 in TN; (5) Sara, born 1823 in TN, (6) JOHN HENRY (my line), born 1826 in TN; (7) James Russell, born 4 September 1829 in Bond Co. IL; (8) Julia, born 1830 place unknown; (9) Mary, born 1830 in IL; (10) Eliza Jane, born about 1831 place unknown⁽⁴⁾.

They moved to Bond Co. IL after John was born in 1826 and before 1829 when James was born⁽⁴⁾. They lived in or near Mulberry Grove.

In 1832 George fought in the Black Hawk War⁽²⁾ in Illinois. *Abe Lincoln also fought in Illinois in this war.*

Mary's father, Asahel Enloe moved his family from SC to Davidson Co. TN about 1808 when he was in his early thirties. In 1816 he moved to Madison Co. IL, which is just west of Bond Co. IL and extends to the Missouri border. In 1818 he moved to Greenville, Bond Co. IL⁽⁵⁾.

Mary Koonce, Georges first wife, died 14 October 1851, in Bond Co. IL⁽⁴⁾. George married his second wife, Mary Gardeuhire on 16 May 1854 in Greenville, Bond Co. IL. They were married by James Johnson, Minister⁽⁶⁾.

George A. Koonce died 2 August 1863 in Bond Co. IL aged 70 years 8 months⁽⁷⁾. His grave has not been found.

(1) The middle initial "A" came from Fayette Co. IL Gen. Soc. "Fayette Facts" Vol. 15 #1 p.78.

(2) Bounty Land Records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

(3) South Carolina, from Lorraine S. Enloe, Great Falls, MT.: North Carolina, from Alice Koonce, Refugio, TX.

(4) Asahel Enloe family Bible via Lorraine S. Enloe, Great Falls, MT.

(5) As told by Evelyn McCracken, Greenville, IL and History of Bond Co, IL 1882.

(6) Bond Co. IL Court House marriage records.

(7) Claudia Zook, Roanoke, VA.

FROM CAROLINA TO ILLINOIS

(Continued from page 12)

under the command of Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, three months and twenty days and is hereby honorably discharged.

Signed: Wm Creel, Capt.

Fayetteville 2nd Reg W. Tenn. Mil.

15th May 1814

A Cheatham

State of Illinois

County of Bond

On this 16th day of April A.D. 1851 personally appeared before me, M.G. Dale, C. Judge of the County Court in and for said County and State, George Koonce age fifty eight years in December last, a resident of said county and state, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical George Koonce who was a private in the Company commissioned by Captain William Creel in the 2nd Regiment of West Tennessee Militia commanded by Colonel A. Cheatham in the war against the Creek Indians declared by the United States. That he was drafted in Davidson County State of Tennessee about the 25th day of December 1813 for the term of three months, was marched to Fayetteville where he was mustered into service, from which time he continued in actual service in said war for the term of three months and twenty four days, making his time that he served from the day of his being drafted until his discharge four months and sixteen days and was honorably discharged at Fayetteville State of Tennessee on the tenth day of May A.D. 1814 as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented.

And that he is the identical George Koonce who was a private in the company commanded by Thomas Stout, Captain in the Regiment of mounted volunteers commissioned by Colonel Jacob Fry [2 Reg't, 3 Brig., Ill. Mtd. Vols.] in the war against the Sac & Fox Indians known as The Black Hawk War, that he volunteered in Bond County State of Illinois on or about the eight day of June A.D. 1832 for the term of three months and served in actual service in said war for the term of two months and seven days and was honorably discharged at Dixon Ferry on the Illinois River about the 15th day of August A.D. 1832. That he

delivered up his certificate of discharge to the person to whom he sold his claim for said service. I believe that the same was given up to the U.S. paymaster (*illegible*). He makes this declaration to obtain the county lands to which he may be entitled under the act granting Bounty Land to certain officers and soldiers, who have been engaged in the military service of the United States. Passed September 28, 1850. Signed, George Koonce

1851 LETTER FROM ENOCH ENLOE

The following letter was written to Enoch Enloe in 1851 by his father, Asahel. The original copy is the property of Harold Enloe. The envelope was addressed as follows: Enoch Enloe Esq., Grant County, Wisconsin, Platteville P.O., (From) Illinois, Bond County, October 21, A.D. 1851

Dear Children,

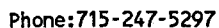
It is with a heavy heart filled with sorrow that I take the present moment to address a line to you. Informing you that your sister, Mary H. Koonce, is no more. - she departed this life on Tuesday the 14th of the present instant, fully reconciled to the will of God having a faith in the Atonement of her blessed redeemer for the salvation of her soul. This county has been considerably afflicted with chill and fever. There have been some cases of Typhus fever which remove some few of our citizens to their long homes. We have had the warmest weather I have ever experienced in the later part of August, and throughout the whole month of September and we have had but little frost as yet.

We as a family have enjoyed very good health. I myself have experienced a dizziness in my head since the first of September which has operated much against my getting along as usual, but it is leaving me. Ezekiel has been poorly, having had the chills and fever and some of their children have also been afflicted but are getting over it. I received a letter from your Uncle Gilbert from South Carolina which was wrote about the middle of July. I received it on the first day of August. He had been afflicted some 5 or more years with the Phthisic which disease had prayed upon his system which rendered him unable to get any rest in bed only by being prop'd in a sitting position, but he informed me that he had in a good degree got over it and was able to work a little in the blacksmith shop, he also stated that the wheat crop in that section of the country were the best he ever saw, and that the corn crops appeared favorable, but that there were an appearance of a drouth setting in in which I presume has been the case, as intelligence from the south inform us that the drouth has been very severe. I see an account in the news which I take stating that corn were worth \$4 per bushel--

Enoch, I want you to have an interview with Peter Carmich who I understand lives in your neighborhood and know of him if he yet holds the 40 acres of land lying immediately north of Richardson Griggs land, it lies pretty much in a post oak flat. I have understood that he offered it for forty dollars. If he will take that sum for it I wish you to buy it for me and give us immediate information thereof and we will try to convey you the money. We wish you to write to us and let us know something relative to the crops in that country and of the health there. I have not anything worth writing. All Polly Koonces' children are married and has children. George Koonce and John and James, his sons, live in a little village called Shakerag. (*now Mulberry Grove, IL*) They work at the blacksmith business and have more work than they can do. I wish to hear from you and Hannah and C. Jane Walker is again a widow and is living at this time at Ezekiels.

24 Mar 1994

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

Tom Palmer has called with information on the Northeast Koonces and by mutual agreement we agreed that he would be the "Northeast Correspondent" for the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter as he is a descendant of Henry Koonce, born early 1700s, and is researching that line. All correspondence relating to this line should be sent to Tom. His address is: Thomas E. Palmer, 1121 Havey Rd., Madison, WI 53704. Tom is a valuable addition to our Newsletter.

Supplementary information to article published in Vol. 1, Issue 1, pp. 4 - 6.

SECOND GENERATION

Nicholas Koonce, Sr., (son of Henry Koonce?) b. 25 DEC 1788 Loudoun county, VA; d. 26 APR 1859 Greenville, Bond county, IL; buried Lansing (Old City) cemetery in Greenville. Married Elizabeth SHRIVER (b. 17 OCT 1792, d. 07 MAY 1883) at the home of her father, Christopher Shriver of Loudoun county, VA on 02 APR 1812. Nicholas owned land in the valley between the Blue Ridge and Short Hills in Loudoun county before moving across the Shenandoah river to the Harper's Ferry area. In the spring of 1840, the Koonce family with exception of sons David and John, moved to Illinois (1840 Randolph county IL census), eventually settling in Bond county.

GENERATION THREE

Nicholas and Elizabeth Shriver Koonce had at least ten children:

1. David Koonce, b. after 1812, d. ??; was probably the oldest son based on the land purchases made with his father and because he was given power of attorney by his parents to sell their Virginia properties when the family moved to IL. Possibly was a conductor on the B&O railroad and possibly lived and died in Cumberland, MD.

2. George Koonce (see original article in Vol. 1, Issue 1, pp. 4 - 6)

3. John Koonce, b. 20 JUL 1820, Loudoun county, VA; d. 10 NOV 1891, Harper's Ferry, Jefferson county, WV. Occupation was listed as an "armorer" in the 1850 census (at the Harper's Ferry arsenal?). Married (1st) Louisanna MURPHY (b. 03 JUN 1819, d. 21 APR 1866), dau. of Jonathan and Mary Murphy; m. (2nd) Sarah Jane BRITTIAN, sister to his brother's (George) second wife.

4. Jacob Koonce, b. 07 OCT 1822, Loudoun county, VA; d. 22 MAR 1859 Bond county, IL, buried in Lansing (Old City) cemetery, Greenville, IL. Married (1st) Martha E. RUTHERFORD 16 APR 1850 (b. ca 01 NOV 1832, d. 01 FEB 1853) and (2nd) Catherine ____? From the second marriage, Jacob was survived by a daughter, Francis Ellen Koonce, listed as 2 years old in the 1860 Bond county IL census.

5. Christopher H. Koonce, b. 31 JAN 1825, Loudoun or Jefferson county VA; d. 28 MAY 1907, Southeast Prairie, Bond county IL, buried in Lansing (Old City) cemetery, Greenville, IL. Married Jane WAITE (b. 20 JUL 1827, d. 15 APR 1874), dau. of William Waite of Alexandria, VA and sister to John Waite, early editor of the Greenville Journal. Christopher and Jane had 11 children of whom 5 survived at the time of Christopher's death. (see excerpt from Perrin's "History of Illinois, Bond and Montgomery Counties" in Vol. 1, Issue 1, p. 4.)

6. Sarah Koonce, b. ca 1826 in Harper's Ferry, VA; d. JUL 1854 at Harper's Ferry at the age 28 (death record in Jefferson Co. courthouse filled out by brother, George). Believed to have never married. Date of birth and age at death is questionable.

Sarah living in Nicholas Koonce household in 1850 Bond county IL census is listed as age 37.

7. Elizabeth Koonce, b. ca 1828 in Harper's Ferry, VA; d. ?? . Married John C. LOVETT (b. 29 AUG 1825 in Tolland Co. CT), in JAN 1853; he was the son of John G. and Roxana CHAPMAN Lovett. John C. and Elizabeth Koonce Lovett had 4 children.

8. Nicholas N. Koonce (Jr.), b. 24 OCT 1830 Harper's Ferry, VA; d. 07 MAR 1906 Villa Ridge, Pulaski county IL and buried in the Villa Ridge cemetery. Married Margaret Ann PHILLIPS (b. 18 APR 1831, Uniontown, Fayette Co. PA; d. 06 AUG 1920, Villa Ridge, Pulaski Co. IL) on 21 NOV 1854. She was the dau. of Daniel H. and Elizabeth CONNELL Phillips from Fayette county PA. Nicholas N. and Margaret Koonce purchased farmland and moved to Pulaski county in 1864. They had seven children: Lila (1855-1934), Lewis H. (1858-1925), Ida Marie (1861-1938), Dasie (1863-1901), Harry Elmwood (1865-1902), Alice E. (1870-1965), Elmer Jacob (1872-1937). NOTE: Dasie married Andrew HELMAN, the maternal great grandparents of this author, Thomas E. Palmer.

9. Joseph Lewis Koonce, b. 18 NOV 1833 Harper's Ferry, VA; d. 06 MAR 1919 Greenville, Bond county IL. Married Nancy Haws FLOYD, dau. of George and Mary I. Floyd, on 14 AUG 1867. Joseph and Nancy Koonce had 2 sons, George Nicholas and J. Wallace.

10. Mary F. Koonce, b. ca 1838 Harper's Ferry, VA; d. ?? . Married Uriah N. SMITH in Bond county IL on 08 NOV 1860.

More information on GENERATION FOUR, Koonces from southern Illinois (Nicholas N. Koonce) will be forthcoming in a future article.

EARLY KOONCE FAMILIES FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO LOUISIANA

From the History of Bienville Parish,
Volume II, by Bille Gene Poland.

Submitted by Louise Giddings Long

My sixth great-grandfather, Johan Koonce born 20 July 1675 in the Palatine area of Bavaria, Germany, came to America in 1710 with a group of ninety-two Palatine families. There were 650 people in all who were in exile in England because they were of the Protestant faith. The Catholic faith was the official religion of Bavaria at the time. Johan, his wife, two sons and a daughter went to New Bern, North Carolina.

On 23 September 1711, the Tuscarora Indians attacked the New Bern settlement and massacred 130 people within two hours. It is said that Johan

was 36 years old at the time, Johan, his wife, one son and one daughter were killed. The Indians took the other son, George Koonce, captive. He was seven years of age at the time. They later released him.

My fifth great-grandfather, George Koonce, was born on 14 April 1704 and died on 28 January 1778 at the age of 74 years. He lived, got married, had children, and died in New Bern, North Carolina. He is buried at New Bern.

George Koonce, Jr., my fourth great-grandfather was born 12 September 1734 and died in 1800 at age 66 years.

My third great-grandfather, Christopher Koonce, was born 15 Aug 1778 and died in 1845 at age 67 years.

He is buried in the old Saline Cemetery but I can find no headstone.

My second great-grandfather, Amander Koonce, was born in 1808 and died 1884, age 76, buried in Old Castor Cemetery.

My great-grandmother, Laura Ann Koonce Murphy, was born 24 December 1844 and died 29 September 1916, age 72 years, buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Caster, Louisiana.

My grandmother "Maggie" Margaret Ann Rebecca Murphy Giddings was born 14 January 1865 and died 19 January 1925, age 60 years, buried in Bethel Cemetery, Red River Parish.

Charlie Leslie "Son" Giddings, my father, was born 11 March 1902 and died 18 May 1987, age 85, buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery.

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JOHN CALVIN KOONCE

1867-1946

From the Onslow Co. North Carolina Heritage Book Page 282.

John Calvin Koonce was born November 18, 1867, and died October 25, 1946. He was the son of John Parsons Koonce (1840-1872) and Virginia A. (Jenie) Koonce, daughter of Calvin and Amanda Haywood Koonce. Born in Jones County, he lived most of his life in Onslow County, farming and fishing.

John Calvin Koonce married first Elizabeth Edwards and there were five Children from this marriage.

The first son, Ray Edward Koonce, was born December 16, 1893, and died December 16, 1954. A civil engineer, he was the County Engineer for many years and worked for the Highway Department. He was the first engineer hired at Camp Lejeune. He married Onslow County Native Alma Petteway who was born May 19, 1894, and died October 18, 1969.

Alma Petteway Koonce helped her father when he was Clerk of Court. Later, she worked for many years for Mr. Steve Aman at the general merchandise store. Alma Koonce possessed a keen sense of humor, which her customers, family, and friends always enjoyed.

Ray and Alma Koonce had one child, Ray Edward Koonce, Jr., who was born October 19, 1916, and died August 12,

A CHILD'S VIEW OF GRANDPARENTS

(Author unknown)

A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own; so she likes other peoples' little kids. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie kids' shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear. They answer questions like "why dogs hate cats" or "why God isn't married?".

1969, in Onslow County. After finishing Jacksonville High School, Ray Jr. worked for several years at the first Pharmacy in Jacksonville, Johnson's Drugstore, owned by Dr. Graham Johnson. During World War II, he served four years in the U.S. Army, serving most of his time in an Army hospital outside London, England. After his Army service, he returned to his job at Johnson's Drugstore where he worked for the remainder of his life.

On May 31, 1941, Ray Jr. married Holland Marie Hinton, born April 29, 1914. She is the daughter of Ransom P. Hinton, a merchant of Jacksonville, and Ellie Gurganus Hinton. Ray and Marie Koonce had two children.

The first child was Sue Ellen, born February 11, 1944, she finished Jacksonville High School and graduated from East Carolina University. She married William Earl "Butch" Scott, Jr, the summer before she graduated. She taught in first grade at Thompson School and later in Camp Lejeune Schools at Tarawa Terrace. On February 7, 1971, she died at Cape Fear Hospital.

The second child was Ray Edward Koonce III, born January 6, 1950, finished Jacksonville High School and went to Atlantic Christian College. He married Donna Turner of Fayetteville while still in college. This marriage broke up after five years. He soon went to Richmond, VA with Universal Tobacco Company. After about two years he married Carolyn Shepard from Crozet, VA, near Charlottesville, VA.

The second Child of John Calvin

and Elizabeth Koonce was Ike Koonce who died at the age of twelve.

The third child, Virginia Koonce (b. December 25 1897), married F.W.K. Kelum, an insurance agent. Their children were Francis, Winslow, Elizabeth, Carrol, Virgil, and Wakefield.

The fourth child, Mary Koonce, married Allen Wooten and had one daughter, Jean. They live in Virginia.

The fifth child, Edgar Payne Koonce (b. June 7, 1902), worked for 41 years for the North Carolina Highway Department. At his retirement, Mr. Carl Renfro from the State Highway Commission stated that Edgar Koonce was anxious to see "good highways come to eastern North Carolina...his deeds as Division Engineer will live for our children and children yet unborn." At the time of his retirement on July 1, 1967, he was Division Engineer of the Fourth Division, North Carolina Highway Department, Edgar Koonce was married to Katherine Bell of Washington, N.C., now deceased.

John Calvin Koonce married second, Mary Herritage (1874-1947) about 1904. Mary Herritage was a postal clerk in the 1930s for Miss Leah Franck, Postmistress. Their children were: (1) Sarah Esther (b. 1906) who married Charles Joseph Lamy of Massachusetts in 1929. (2) Margaret Haywood Koonce (b. Mar. 25, 1908) married William P. Legge (deceased) of South Carolina and lived in Washington, D.C., until she retired. She lives now in Jacksonville. They had one adopted son, Billy Legge.

(Sources: Family records; personal knowledge.

--Marie Hinton Koonce Moore

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

By the time you receive this issue Jean & I will have mailed out post cards to 1,487 Koonces. Within three days I received calls from Koonces wanting to know if we were legitimate. We hope to get a good response from this mailing. The plan is to send a follow-up letter in a few weeks after we weed out the ones returned with "No Forwarding address".

If you know of any Koonces that have not yet sent in their dues, please encourage them to do so as we don't have the funds for a complete mailing. We are going to mail as many as we can afford, then hold off until we get enough response to mail some more. We don't have the resources to keep sending notices. I'd better quit before I start sounding like a preacher in church.

There is a shortage of pictures of people, houses and businesses or anything else that we can publish in our newsletter. Please send pictures and some stories about any Koonce—Old or Young. we need them all.

Remember, constructive criticism can only improve this Newsletter, so write and let me know what you think of it and ideas you have for improvement.

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JAMES RUSSELL KOONCE, D.V.S.

Taken from the HISTORY OF FAYETTE COUNTY Page 770

KOONCE, James R. , D.V.S.—The profession of veterinary surgery has made such prodigious advances within the past few years, that the course of training for it is as though as that for many other learned professions, and a man who has gained the right to put the initials D.V.S. after his name is one who has gained more than an ordinary amount of knowledge, and is fully qualified to care for all kinds of stock whatever disease they may have. Dr. James R. Koonce is no exception to this rule: he is pleasantly located in Bear Grove Township, Fayette County, Ill. He was born on a farm in Bond County, Ill., Oct. 31, 1856, a son of John H. and Martha Ann (Pigg) Koonce. The father enlisted in the Forty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served during the war. His death occurred at Evansville, Ind. while in the service. His widow died in Mulberry Grove Township, Bond County. Of their ten children, Dr. Koonce was the youngest in order of birth.

Reared in Bond and Fayette Counties, Dr. Koonce was a farmer in early life, and evinced such a strong aptitude for veterinary surgery, that he began the study of that calling, and was graduated from the Veterinary and Medical College, at London, Ont. He has practiced many years, and in 1896 gave up farming in order to give all his time to his profession. He is a member ??? association, of Southern Illinois, and has been very successful as a veterinarian. Dr. Koonce owns a fine farm of 320 acres in Bear Grove Township, which is very valuable.

On August 3, 1883, Dr. Koonce was married, at St. Louis, Mo. to Miss Etta Pigg, a daughter of James and Irene Pigg. Mrs. Koonce is a native of Bond County. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Koonce were: Alta, who married W.W. Taylor; Howard, married Pluma Greenwood; Dessie, who married Louie Hampton; Josie, who married Murvin Hatfill; Clarence; Albert; Roxie J.; Anita; Bennie and James R. Jr.. Dr. Koonce has held the office of Highway Commissioner, and that of School Director. He is a democrat and a very strong temperance man, and during the late crusade against the liquor traffic, he took a very important part. Dr. and Mrs. Koonce are consistent members and liberal supporters of the Free Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the K. of P. and the M.W.A. Genial, accommodating and skilled Dr. Koonce is not only a good veterinarian, but one of the best friends a man could have; his friends number legions, and he is known throughout Fayette County.

Notes from Nina Hatfill

Besides his profession and farms, he owned and operated the town's hotel, located where the present Mulberry Grove Bank is located. This hotel did a thriving business furnishing accommodations for drummers (salesmen) who came into town via trains.

At one time he owned a country church known as the Koonce Chapel, where Free Methodist services were held. He died in 1925. His wife died in 1957. They are both buried in the Mulberry Grove Cemetery.

JOHN SPEIGHT KOONCE

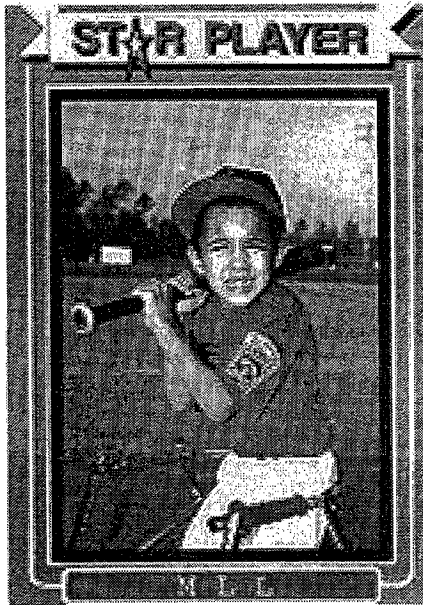
Taken from the Jones County, North Carolina Heritage Book Page 180.

John Speight Koonce, the son of Michael and Mary Speight, married Harriet Parsons and they had six children: Mary Ann (1834-) who married Robert H. Bender; Frances DuVal (1837-1867) who married Cyrus Brown; Simon Everett (1838-1903) who married Orpah Brock; John Parsons (1840-1872) who married Virginia Koonce; Henry Clay who married Susan Thompson; and Harriet Caroline (1844-1936) who married Isaac Brock (1830-1902), the son of Ignatius Wadsworth Brock. They had two sons: John Koonce Brock who married Mollie Taylor and had two children, Jack and Donald; Ignatius Wadsworth and he married Ora L. Koonce. John Speights' second wife was Susan Brown.

MEMBERS RESPOND

Editors Note: Letters from members may be edited to fit. Content is the opinion of the writer and no effort will be made to verify any information contained in the letter. Accuracy is up to the reader to determine. If you have information that differs from any information in these letters, or anywhere in this Newsletter, please write to us and we may publish your information.

MIDDLEBURG ANGELS



Kyle Selby—1994 Season. Age:5 Height: 3'8". Weight: 38. Team: Angels. League: Middleburg Little League. Coach: Curtis Hanner

by Patricia Selbe

Kyle Alexander Selbe, the son of Robert and Patricia Ann Koonce Selbe and grandson of Donald Eugene Koonce (see page 8 January Issue of *KOONCE to KOONCE for Dons obit*), is a five year old afflicted with cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. He is an active

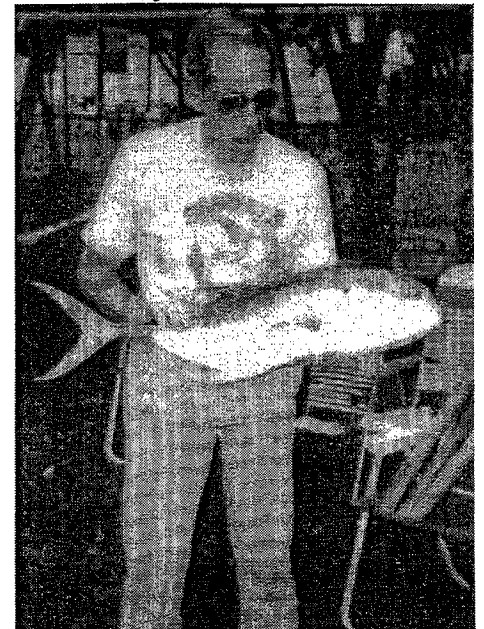
little boy who uses a walker and short leg braces to get around. He is a member of a very special Little League team in Middleburg, Florida where he lives with his father, mother, and little sister, Robin.

Kyle plays baseball with the Middleburg Angels. They are one of two Challenger Teams in our town's Little League division. The Challenger division is comprised of children between 6-18 year olds afflicted with a physical, mental, or emotional disability. The team comprises of children using crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, children with Attention Deficit Disorder (A.D.D.) or mentally retarded.

They play baseball just like the regular Little League only they have "Buddies" to assist them when Necessary. The buddies are members of Little League teams in the area in which they are playing. A typical game lasts 2-3 innings or 2 hours because every player gets a turn at bat to hit the ball and run around the bases to score. Every game always ends in a tie.

I am one of many coaches for the

Angels, and it is a joy to watch the faces of these children when they hit the ball, run around the bases and score a run. There are high-fives, cheers and smiles to go all around. They play, not to win or lose but, just to have fun.



Ray Koonce, 64, Ft. Walton Beach FL landed this 17 lb. Yellow Fin Tuna off the beach at Ft. Walton. He says it is excellent fishing there.

Ray was born in Mulberry Grove, IL the son of Hiram Edgar Koonce and Lena Maud Jett.

Tim Lohrstorfer

from Indianapolis, was in Minneapolis for a work related seminar in April. He had dinner at the home of John & Nancy Koonce. Tim and his wife Suzanne are doing research on John Henry Koonce, 1825-1862. That's where Suzanne and John Koonce connect Genealogically. A letter was written by Tim on May 29, 1994 which read in part. "Two weeks after I was in Minneapolis I went to a Civil war relic show in Mansfield, Ohio. While there, I found a book entitled, Shiloh—In Hell before Night, by James Lee McDonough. Since the 41st was at Shiloh, I looked it up in the index. Interestingly, there was only one reference to it, Colonel Isaac C. Pugh. The following is the quote I

wrote down from the book, "Colonel Isaac C. Pugh of the Forty-first, a white haired man who had seen service in Mexico, called to the new troops; "Fill your canteens boys! Some of you will be in hell before night and you'll need water!" To place this comment in context, remember that the 41st was on the front line of the Shiloh battle on the Union's left flank, just in front of the peach field. They were attacked at 9:00 in the morning of April 6, 1862 and held their position until 2:00 pm when it withdrew to repair guns and get ammunition. Colonel Pugh's comment would have been made at this time."

A copy of this letter will be sent to David Koonce, our Civil War editor, who has an article elsewhere in this Newsletter.

KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

by David L. Koonce



The time is now 20 Feb, 1864. The Place is Bond County, Illinois. James R. Koonce, age 35, 5 feet 11 inches tall, dark hair, blue eyes, has just enlisted as a private in Company C, 26th Illinois Infantry, for the next three years or until discharged. Along with the usual assortment of government issue he will also receive a bounty of \$300.00 dollars. He received sixty dollars on enlistment and the rest on discharge which occurred 20 July 1865 in Louisville Kentucky. He will die on 26 November 1896. For the last years of his life he will suffer from rheumatoid arthritis, heart and liver damage, from illness received in the service.

Completing some training, the 26th Illinois goes south to Chattanooga Tn. and joins the Army of the Tennessee, U.S.A. under Maj. Gen. James McPherson and specifically the 1st brigade, under Maj. Gen. John Logan. The regimental commander is Lt. Col. Robert A. Gillmore.

In May, Lt. Gen. Tecumseh Sherman moves south, beginning his drive on Atlanta Ga. The confederate forces under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston begin a Georgia Red Clay Minuet. Sherman dances left and right trying to outmaneuver Johnston. The confederates dance with Sherman. Always falling back but keeping themselves between the union army and the grand prize, Atlanta.

Some hard fighting has occurred, but it is not until Resaca Ga. that James Koonce and the 26th Ill. get their first serious action. Confederate forces are dug in behind breastworks atop a series of ridges. On May 14 1864, the 1st brigade and the 26th Ill. attack the heights and seize them in hard fighting. The brigade reports show they kill or



Rebels worn-out garb

wound 1,300 confederates and capture 100. Confederate forces retreat.

The Georgia dance continues until on June 22nd at New Hope Church. The 1st brigade is ordered to attack across open ground against confederate infantry behind log breastworks and supported by artillery. The attack fails, casualties are high, including seven regimental commanders. Lt. Col. Gillmore is one of these. He is replaced by Lt. Col. Ira Bloomfield. Company C's commander, Capt. Price also vanishes and is replaced by a new commander named Morgan. Defending at New Hope Ch. was the C.S.A. 23rd inf. Battalion, with Pvt. James A. Koonce in Co. C, from Bedford Co. Tn. and Pvt. S. A. Koonce in Co. D, from Franklin or Bedford Co. Tn. and in the 45th Tn. Inf. with Pvt. G. M. Koonce in Co. G, from Wilson Co. Tn.

Now the siege of Atlanta truly begins. On July 22nd the 26th Ill. is in

Decatur, Ga. when confederates attack and attempt to break the siege. The aforementioned Tn. units are in the attack along with the 1st Tn. Infantry, Sgt. Phillip M. Koonce, Co. C, the "Rock City Guards" of Davison Co. Tn. is also there, possibly others.

The 1st brigade and the 26th Ill. are hit hard and their line broken. They reform and about 3:00pm counterattack. The confederate attack, directed by Gen. John B. Hood who has replaced Johnston, fails. The Siege of Atlanta will go on. On the counterattack, an eyewitness, Maj. W. H. Chamberlin, 81st Ohio, writes; "it should be remembered, in placing an estimate upon what was accomplished by these troops, that they had borne a part in an open field, at midday, under a scorching sun, in one of the fiercest fights of the war, and had afterward performed their share of the heavy work of throwing up intrenchments. They were still engaged at this when ordered to follow General Logan. The movement under his leadership, was made at "double quick" over the greater portion of the distance, which was more than a mile. There is not a man in that brigade who could be repaid by the pensions of a lifetime for the work of that single day and its attendant risks, nor could the country pay in pen-

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Authors Note: Pension or bounty men were not well thought of by the volunteers of the American Civil War, in large part due to the feeling that paying a man to enlist would lessen the value of the volunteer. In truth, there were many causes for complaint on bounty men. But most would go on to serve and do their duty well.

KOONCE vs KOONCE, in the Civil War



Yankee: 2nd U.S. Cavalry

(Continued from page 4)

sions to the whole brigade, at the highest rates, for the actual value of its services rendered that day."

From July 28th thru August 25th the 26th Ill. was under constant fire. In what could be a precursor to WW - I, they just dug deeper and stayed. Finally, Atlanta fell.

Gen. Sherman rested his men after Atlanta. Then in winter began his famous March to the Sea. His army would travel light, taking mostly only medical supplies and ammunition in its trains. It would march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia, living off the land and "leaving a swath 50 miles wide over which a crow must carry his own provisions."

Thru the march there will be no major confederate opposition. The ultimate link up between Gen. Sherman marching north thru the Carolina's from Savannah to link up with Gen. Grant at Petersburg, Va. will result in the end of the confederacy. There will be battles at Bentonville, Five Forks and of course Appomattox. James R. Koonce will not be there.

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Note: The articles Koonce vs Koonce will be a continuing series in this newsletter. I was flattered and jumped at the offer to write it when John asked. I provide the information free of charge for its historical and genealogical research significance. I promise only to make it as accurate and informative as I can. Thanks to my interest I have considerable research material in my home and thanks to the National Archives and the Public Library Systems have access to much more. Anyone with information on a Koonce in the Civil War, letters, muster rolls, unit histories etc. that would like to send me a copy, please do so. You may in time see your relative appear in an article. Send to: David L. Koonce, 1 Caribou Ct. Fairfield, Ohio 45014. My phone is 513-874-6711.

During the march to the sea, a snow and ice storm will hit just outside Savannah while the 26th Ill. is at Statesboro. Travelling light, the union army suffers from lack of proper shelter and clothing. The weather does what bullets could not and stops James. He will stay with the army as it begins its march thru the Carolina's. Sickened, he stops at Rolla, S.C. His battles over, he will go home to a long life.

The Civil War, War of the Rebellion, War Between the States, or as a friend I knew in Alexandria, Va. called it, The Great Sadness, (this from a direct descendant of Gen. R.E. Lee thru his wife the Custis Family) was fought almost 130 years ago. Its result is still felt today. Beginning as an argument over states rights it ended with a much more powerful central government with rights delegated to the states. The very form of government we have today. Without comment, the war also ended "That Peculiar Institution" of slavery and began the march toward true civil rights and equality. When anything that occurs so long ago can still effect our lives, this author feels it deserves some study. In my own study of the war I

have come to greatly respect the men who fought it, for whatever reason. To willingly endure poor food, confederate forces often consisted on parched corn, while their better fed union counterparts at least had coffee with their hardtack with the bugs baked in and moldy cheese and pork fat. A diet such as that will wreck anyones health over time. To face the weapons of battle of that era took tremendous nerve. The standard rifle alone fired a soft lead bullet that could kill at a thousand yards and was battlefield effective at 300. To be struck other than lightly was dangerous. Often resulting in mutilation or death. Medical care was crude, the first field hospitals were not set up until the battle of Shiloh in 1862. It was not until 1863 that union doctors discovered patients healed better in fresh air wards. To face just these hazards day after day with little or no pay speaks well for courage of our ancestors.

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KOONCES FROM AUSTRIA

February 4, 1989

Prepared by George Conrad Koonce
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The family record which follows was translated from a Dutch language document prepared by my Uncle (George Coenraad Kuntz), who in the late 1930's, as a retired army officer, had plenty of time to research our family tree. The trail he followed led to Austria. His efforts were interrupted in 1939 when WWII broke out and Holland was overrun by the German Nazis. He never completed the family record. As a result, the known portion of the family tree, as it was reconstructed by him, begins in the 1700's when Georg Conrad Kunz, entered the Netherlands as a cavalryman.

The records state that when he married a Dutch girl he was a "Dragoon" in the service of the "Imperial Free City." It is not known whether the "Free City" referred to was his place of birth, Grauburg or Grunberg in Austria, or possibly some other town or principality that had acquired the right to raise its own army. We do know, however, that Europe during the 1700's suffered from numerous wars. Borders were rather fluid as were loyalties between countries and fiefdoms (*a landed estate held under feudal tenure.*). Dynasties traded countries amongst each other to position themselves. The inhabitants had no voice in these transactions.

At that time, The Netherlands encompassed the Dutch Republic (today called the Netherlands) as well as what was then called, the Southern Low Countries or the Spanish Netherlands (now Belgium). The French invaded Belgium but were defeated by the British. Exhausted by numerous wars, the Dutch had to sit back, when, following the Seven Year's War (1756-63),

Belgium was presented to the Austrian Hapsburgs by the British.

To put these events in an historical perspective; it is during this period that the American colonies began their struggle for independence. England had plenty of difficulties with their American colonies, they feared the Dutch as a colonial power and since the Dutch supported the American Independence movement, splitting the Netherlands in two could only improve their own position.

Our Austrian forebear's entry into the Netherlands probably took place when he was in his late teens or early to mid-twenties. That would have been between 1766 and 1776. We assume he was part of an Austrian military contingent to maintain law and order in Belgium and to repel a possible French invasion.

Military service, in those days, was often impressed or mercenary. Why, and under what circumstances, my Great-Great-Great-Grandfather at some point in time decided that civilian life was to be preferred to that of the army is open to conjecture. Some of my relatives have suggested that he deserted. This is a possibility, since armies in those days were rather loose-knit and loyalties greatly depended on getting paid on time. It is also entirely possible that he completed his stint and for reasons unknown decided that life in the Netherlands was to be preferred over that in Austria.

Whether he ever went back to Austria is not known either. The records state he was an only child. If at that time his parents were still alive, there would have been an inducement to return for a visit, but only if the funds and time to undertake a 1,000 mile journey on foot or by stage coach

had been available.

The name "Dragoon" comes from the word "Dragon", formerly a short musket or carbine. The Dutch word for "Dragoon" is "Dragonder". In those days, "Dragonders" or Cavalrymen were a rambunctious lot. They were accustomed to making quick forays into enemy territory, looting and pillaging. Other strong points were swearing and drinking. To this day the Dutch have an expression for someone who walks around noisily, scraping and stamping his feet. They say; "he walks like a dragonder", meaning, with spurs clanking and rattling.

As one reads our genealogy it is of interest to note that over the years gone by the surname "Kunz" by design and/or default underwent a number of changes in the way it is spelled. It also becomes evident that it became a tradition to keep the Christian names of "Georg Conrad" alive in honor of our forebear from Austria by naming ones male offspring after him or by naming him George in combination with other middle names.

I remember as a child attending family get-together's when it was not unusual to have at least half a dozen relatives present, all named "George", which often led to hilarious situations.

Finally, it may seem strange that our Austrian forebear's mother's name is registered in the Delft archives as "Anna Maria Kunzin" and that there is no record of her maiden name. A partial explanation is that in the German language, "Kunzin" is the feminine of "Kunz". As to why there is no record, I can only surmise that in Austria a woman upon marriage joined the "Clan" of her husband and thereafter would only be referred to in the feminine of her husbands name, even by her own children.

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HUSBAND George Conrad KOONCE-3443

BORN: 31 Jul 1926 PLACE: The Hague,,,The Netherlands
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 6 Mar 1953 PLACE:
FATHER: George Gerardus KUNTZ-3459
MOTHER: Lientje KLEIMAN-3460

PARENTS' MRIN: 1142

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WIFE Catharina Dina DIERX-3444

BORN: 22 Sep 1928 PLACE: The Hague,,,The Netherlands
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

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CHILDREN

1. NAME: Carolyn Marian Alice KUNTZ-3445
---- BORN: 27 Jun 1954 PLACE: Toronto,Ontario,,Canada
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:
2. NAME: George Gerard (Jerry) KOONTZ-3446
---- BORN: 29 Oct 1955 PLACE: Toronto,Ontario,,Canada
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:
3. NAME: Catherine Dinah KUNTZ-3447
---- BORN: 2 Dec 1957 PLACE: Toronto,Ontario,,Canada
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:
4. NAME: Maureen Lillian KOONCE-3448
---- BORN: 16 Jun 1962 PLACE: Oakville,Ontario,,Canada
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

KOONCE FAMILY UPDATES



Don Koonce and his daughter, Julie Semple

Someone once said, "Life is what happens while you are making other plans". Don Koonce takes life as it comes and, for the most part, enjoys it while it's happening.

Don is a driver and has been employed by Tyson Truck Lines for "20 years, this time." He actually has 26 years of service with the Company, but left for four years once. Don says he has done a little of everything during the years he's been with Tyson. He even remembers being a mechanic for two weeks, at one time Don was the union steward for Tyson's drivers.

Donald Lawrence Koonce is the son of Robert Adrain Koonce, grandson of James Monroe Koonce (see Aunt Izzy story, April 1994) and Great grandson of Uncle Jeff Koonce (see Hazel Smith Remembers, January 1994).

Don, b. 3 May 1937, and his wife, Patricia (nee Blum), have been married for 38 years and have raised six children -3 boys, Mike, Pat & Rick and 3 girls, Karen, Julie & Becky. Don says raising his children is an achievement in his life he is most proud of. Tragically, Don's oldest son, Mike, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1980.

Even though the number of people living at their house has decreased, their family has increased. They now have eight grand-daughters, 2 grandsons and a great grand-daughter.

In his spare time, Don enjoys fishing, bowling and golfing. Don especially likes fishing with his children and grand-children. Now that his children are older, Don says he "hangs around" with them more.

For the past fourteen fun filled years, The Koonce side of the family has held **THE GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC AND KOONCE GATHERING**. He won the traveling trophy in 1982. This year it will be held on August 20 at Chabre Golf Course in Somerset, WI. (See Family Reunions on page10 for details.)

Don also won a trophy once for bowling

a 700 series. He has never bowled a 300, but years ago he bowled a 299. He said it got so quiet in the alley, "You could hear a pin drop." Don wishes one more would have.

As for future plans, Don's not making any. He will continue to take life one day at a time and enjoy it totally. So far, that philosophy has worked well for him, Patricia and all the Family.

OBITUARIES

FREDERICK JAMES KOONCE, Jr.

Frederick James, Jr. age 71, of St. Louis Park, MN. Born Dec. 15, 1922 in LaCross, WI. Survived by wife Elaine Marie (Nee Martinson); daughter, Anne Louise Koonce. Preceded in death by his brother, George Reinhold Koonce. Service was held Wed. 1 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 48th & France Ave. S., Mpls, MN. Interment Vasa Lutheran Church Cemetery, Vasa, MN. If so desired Memorials may be given to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Building Fund or the American Heart Association. Arraignments by Washbern-McReavy, Edina, MN Chapel.

JANICE SUE HARVEY

Janice Sue Harvey (McKenzie) of Villa Ridge died April 1, 1994, at the age of 53. Born Dec. 11, 1940 at Kennett, MO. she was one of two children born to Dallas D. and Alberta M. (Koonce) McKenzie.

She is survived by her husband of the home, Henry; two sons Erick and wife Paula of Marthasville, MO and Jonathan and wife Treasa Harvey of Murfreesboro, TN; her mother, Alberta Baumgarth and stepfather Herbert Baumgarth of Pacific; one brother, Dallas Joe McKenzie of Lenexa, KS; five grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dallas McKenzie.

The funeral was held at the United Methodist Church in Kirkwood April 4, 1994 at 1:30 P.M. Monday with Rev. Wayne Kidwell of Hope United Methodist Church of Arnold and Rev. Don Blylock of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Robertsville, officiating. Vocalist was Diane Sanftner with Sarah Pines, organist.

Pallbearers were Tom Hogan, Erick Harvey, Patrick Wooly, Jerry Narmore. David Thompson and David Holland. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Pacific.

Janice was a graduate of the Pacific High Schools and graduated from Central MO State University at Warrensburg, MO with a B.S. in elementary education, as well as a Masters Degree in language arts from Webster College in Webster Groves, MO.

Janice was an elementary school teacher for 23 years, having taught at the Ritenour, Rockwood and Washington MO School districts. She was employed by the Washington Missouri school district.

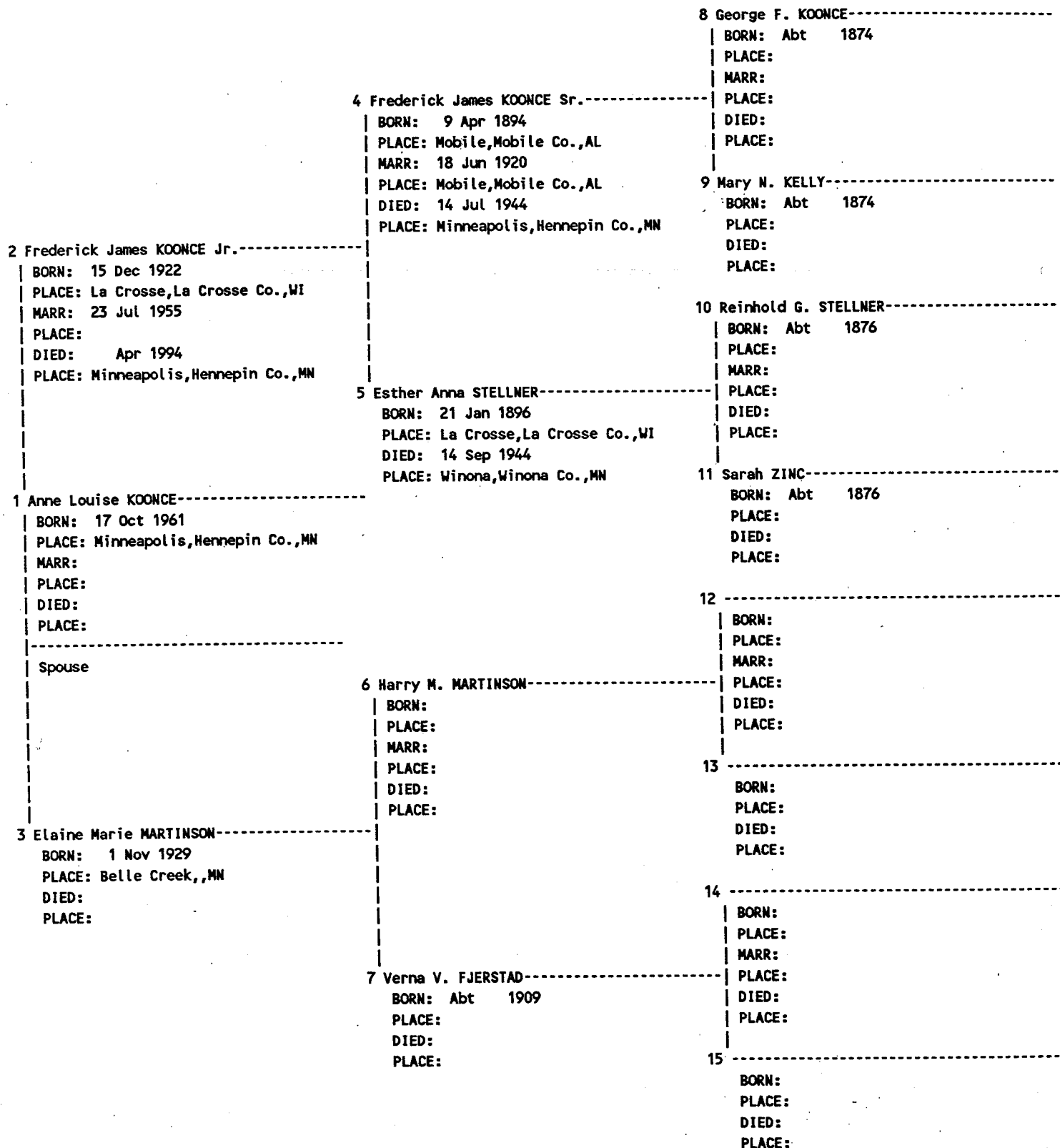
As well as being active in community affairs she also was active in genealogy research on the Koonce line of her mother, the Order of Eastern Star in the Baldwin Chapter, N.E., C.P.A.. and the MO East Walk to Enemas.

She was a member of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church at Robertsville, MO.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bell Funeral Home, Pacific, MO.

PEDIGREE CHART

31 May 1994



TASTE *by Nancy Schroeder Koonce*

This recipe comes from our daughter, Leah Marie (nee Koonce) Johnson, who is living in Hawaii with her husband Kevin and daughter Chantelle Nicole. Leah is a ten year member of the Navy Reserves and Kevin has been in the regular Navy for ten years. They enjoy the Hawaiian cuisine and wanted to share this fabulous crab soup delight with all the Koonces. Six year old Chantelle must be a lot of help to her mother as she called and said to Grandma Nancy, "When I grow up I'm going to have a bunch of kids, so one doesn't have to do all the work." (She is an only child)

CRAB SOUP

- 1/4 c Butter or margarine
- 1/4 c chopped celery
- 1/4 c all purpose flour
- 6 drops hot pepper sauce
- 5 c skim milk
- 16 oz. (3 1/2 c) flaked imitation or fresh crab meat
- 1/4 c sliced scallions

1. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add celery and cook 3 minutes, stirring often until crisp and tender. Add flour and stir over low heat until frothy. Cook about 3 minutes, stirring often to prevent browning. Add hot pepper sauce.
2. Gradually stir in milk. Increase heat to medium and bring to a boil. Immediately reduce heat so milk simmers.
3. Add crab meat, return to a simmer and cook about 3 minutes until crab is hot. Stir in scallions.

Serve with hot cheese bread.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Send information on your family reunions to: **KOONCE to KOONCE**
1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025

August 7, 1994 - Blythville, AR. Held at the Holiday Inn. Make all reservations through the Holiday Inn and tell them you are coming for the KOONCE reunion, they will attempt to block the rooms together. Plan to arrive on Saturday to visit and go to dinner with Alma and clan. Buffet Lunch is on Sunday at the Holiday Inn. For more information call Alma Koonce Rogers 1-901-668-7863.

August 20, 1994 - THE GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC & GATHERING. Golf starts at 9:00 AM Saturday at Chabre Golf course in Somerset, WI. For information on golfing call or write

Bob Koonce, 612-777-2985, 2938 Hamlet Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128.

The Gathering will be at the Park in Bayport, MN starting at 1:00 PM Saturday. For information on the gathering call or write Patrica Koonce, 612-739-9625, 590 Gentry Ave. N., Oakdale MN 55128.

Last year about 125 people showed up from Oregon, Colorado, Tennessee, Minnesota and Wisconsin. We had a great time. Come join us. If you do not know if you are related, come and find out.

October 2, 1994 - Fayetteville, TN. Liberty Community Center. For information call Robert Allen Gray, 1-615-438-0032.

??? QUERIES ???

Send all of your Queries and responses to:
KOONCE to KOONCE,
1821 37th St., Somerset, WI 54025

Who was the USS Coontz (DDG 40) and the entire Coontz class of U.S. Destroyers named after?

What was the name of the ship that John Cunitz came over on in 1710 with his wife and three children. What port in Virginia did they land? Hampton? Would anyone want the challenge of building a model of the ship if we can identify it?

Who were the parents of Council Koonce, born about 1865, possibly in Jones Co. NC. Council had at least one child, a son, Thomas Koonce, born 18 Oct. 1889, m. Lillie May Heath.

Tom Palmer, 1121 Havey Rd. Madison, WI 53704, requests the following information:

David KOONCE, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE — looking for age and date/place of birth/death. Possibly died in Cumberland, MD.

Sarah KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, died July 1854 in Harper's Ferry, VA; looking for burial place.

Elizabeth KOONCE, dau. of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, married John C. LOVETT and lived in Bond County, IL — looking for date of death & burial place.

Looking for information on Mary F. KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, and who married Uriah N. Smith in Bond Co. IL on 08 Nov 1860.

The 1850 LA census shows a Martha Koonce was living with Mary A. and John C. Brown. Could this be Mary Ann, sister of Christopher, taking care of her step-mother, Martha? Christopher married first Mary Ann Brinson then Martha Williams. Write: Suzanne Koonce; 7300 Old Dominion Dr.; McLean, VA 22101

Koonce, Mrs. Margaret J. Married Dillinger, Elias N. on 11 Dec. 1873 in Bond Co. IL by David Hull, MG. Was she a Koonce by birth or previous marriage?

KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

[Continuation of article published in Vol. 1, Issue 2, p. 15]



Nicholas N. KOONCE (b. 24 OCT 1830; d. 07 MAR 1906) and Margaret Ann PHILLIPS KOONCE (b. 18 APR 1831; d. 06 AUG 1920)

GENERATION FOUR

Nicholas N. KOONCE (Jr.)*, the 8th known child of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER Koonce, was born near Harper's Ferry, Jefferson county VA (now WV) on 24 OCT 1830. When he was approximately 10 years old, Nicholas Jr. moved with his family to a farm near Greenville, Bond county IL. On 21 NOV 1854 he married Margaret Ann PHILLIPS in Greenville. Margaret Ann was the eldest child of Daniel Howell and Eliza CONNELL Phillips and was born 18 APR 1831 in Uniontown, Fayette county PA. Her mother, the daughter of Zachariah and Margaret WALLACE Phillips, was born in Connellsville, Fayette county PA c1810 and died in Greenville IL on 18 AUG 1852. Zachariah Connell was the

founder of Connellsville PA. Daniel Howell Phillips was from the Uniontown PA area and along with his brother, John Wesley Phillips (married Eliza Connell's sister), moved his family to Bond county IL around 1850/51.

Nicholas N. and Margaret Ann Koonce moved from Bond to Pulaski county IL in September, 1864 and settled on a farm near the "Ridge" (Villa Ridge to Calendonia) road, a few miles east of Villa Ridge. (Note: Interstate highway 57 now runs through this section of land) It is believed that Nicholas was initially involved in the lumber business and possibly horse trading before turning to farming and fruit growing. The Koonces are believed to have had 10 children, seven of whom were raised to adulthood on the farm in southern Illinois. Nicholas N. Koonce died on 07 MAR 1906 and Margaret Ann followed him in death on 06 AUG 1920. Both are buried in the hill side cemetery on the west edge of Villa Ridge.

(NOTE: Nicholas N. Koonce is referred to as a "Jr." to distinguish him from his father, Nicholas. It is unknown what the initial "N" stood for, but it is possible that this middle initial was used to distinguish "Jr." from "Sr." during their life times).

GENERATION FIVE

The seven known children of Nicholas N. and Margaret Ann Koonce were:

1. Lila Koonce, b. 20 NOV 1855, Bond county IL; d. 10 JAN 1934, Cairo, Alexander

county IL. Married George KELLY (b. 1852; d. 1921) on 21 OCT 1874 and had three sons and two daughters: Bertis, Nina, Lula, George, & John.

2. Lewis H. Koonce, b. 05 JAN 1858, Bond county IL; d. 03 MAY 1925, Pulaski county IL. Married Myra MILLER (b. 1861; d. 1935) on 12 OCT 1880 and had three sons and two daughters: Fred H., Clara, Margaret K., Orin R., & Ivan Elmer.

3. Ida Marie Koonce, b. 08 MAR 1861, Bond county IL; d. 17 JUN 1938, Pulaski county IL. Married Maris L. HELMAN (b. 02 JAN 1861; d. 18 APR 1899) on 22 JUN 1887 and had two children: Ralph & Ruth (both died in infancy).

4. Daisy Koonce, b. 31 MAR 1863, Bond county IL; d. 06 OCT 1901, Pulaski county IL. Married Andrew HELMAN (b.

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Daisy KOONCE HELMAN (b. 31 MAR 1863; d. 06 OCT 1901), daughter of Nicholas N. and Margaret Ann KOONCE (maternal great grandmother of Thomas E. Palmer).

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06 DEC 1859; d. 19 NOV 1933) on 19 NOV 1890 and had one son and two daughters: Ethel Alice, Myrtle, and Earl Maris.

(Note: Andrew Helman was a brother to Maris Helman who married Daisy's sister Ida. Andrew was a conductor/switchman on the railroad and when Daisy died, their children were reared by the Koonce family, especially by Aunt Ida. Andrew and Daisy are the maternal great grandparents of this author.)

5. Harry Elmwood Koonce, b. 24 DEC 1865, Pulaski county IL; d. 09 DEC 1902, Pulaski county IL. Married Florence BUCKLE (b. 09 OCT 1872; d. 30 AUG 1935) and had two sons: Ralph and Lorraine.

6. Alice E. Koonce, b. 21 JAN 1870, Pulaski county IL; d.

1965. Married Tower THOMASSON on 27 SEP 1893 and had one son and two daughters: Sadie, Tower, (Jr.), & Lelia.

7. Elmer Jacob Koonce, b. 24 MAR 1872, Pulaski county IL; d. 23 FEB 1937, Pulaski county IL. Married Lora Dell HERRELL (b. 31 MAR 1882; d. 19 APR 1927) on 02 NOV 1900 and had four sons and two daughters: Clarence Phillip, Harry Ross, Ida Marie, Edward Nicholas, Vera Ruth, & Elmer Wilson.

The grandchildren and descendants of Nicholas N. Koonce are invited to submit additional information and pictures, if available, on their families and subsequent generations for future publication in this newsletter. All pictures will be copied and returned.

WHAT'S A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is one before the pill and the population explosion. We (Seniors) were here before television, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics, and frisbees; before frozen foods, microwaves, nylons, Dacron, Xerox, space flights, radar, florescent lights, credit cards, and ball point pens.

For us, "time sharing" meant "togetherness" without computers. A chip meant a peace of wood. Co-eds never wore slacks!!! We were before panty hose and drip-dry clothes, before ice-makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets; before Hawaii and Alaska were states; before men wore long earrings and woman wore tuxedos!!!

We were here before Leonard Bernstein, Ann Landers, yogurt, plastic, a forty hour week, paid vacations, health insurance, social security and minimum wages. We got married first and lived together later!!

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CHRISTOPHER KOONCE MOVES WEST

From the HISTORY OF BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA, Vol. II- Page 306 by Gene Poland. The research and text was done by Alice Koonce, Refugio, TX.

Christopher Koonce was born in Jones County, North Carolina about 1780. When he was eighteen years old, he came West with members of his family and their friends, traveling on horseback and oxen drawn wagons. They must have traveled the famous wilderness road across the northeast corner of Tennessee through Kentucky and the Cumberland Gap that Daniel Boone had blazed in 1775. They ended their trip at or near Lebanon, Tennessee. At the time this area was Sumner County, Tennessee, but the newly arrived settlers found it most difficult to cross the Cumberland River to attend to business, to pay their taxes and to attend court so they petitioned the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee to make that part of Sumner County, south of the Cumberland River, into a new county known as Wilson County. This petition was signed by a number of people including Christopher Koonce and a number of his kin, and was passed in September 1799.

On the 25th day of April 1801, the Koonce's and friends established Mt. Olivet Baptist Church at Big Cedar Lick, Wilson County, Tennessee. Christopher married Mary Ann "Polly" Brinson, the daughter of James and Patience (Purser) Brinson, the on the 27th day of January 1806. Together, Christopher and Polly purchased land and made their home in Wilson County, and started their Family.

Christopher was elected Captain of a Tax District in 1805 and continued as such for several years in Wilson County. He also joined Captain George W. Still's Company of Infantry under Colonel S. Copeland's Regiment of the Tennessee Militia in the War of 1812 helping to subdue the Creek



Alice Koonce wife of the late "Pinky" Koonce, see Vol.1 pg. 10-11 of KOONCE to KOONCE.

Indians at Wounded Knee.

Christopher and Polly were granted dismissal letters from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Sept. 1816. They had served their Lord and Church well. Christopher having given the land and helped build the Church. He also served as Deacon and Treasurer. Now he felt that it was time to extend his horizons further West.

The first record we have of Christopher Koonce in Louisiana was when he attended his sister-in-law's, Sarah Brinson, marriage to Alexander F. Nelson on 28 February 1819 in Ouachita Parish.

Christopher and Polly, along with members of her family and several of their friends settled on tracts of land in Claiborne Parish, the part that later became Bienville Parish. They built their homes from the forest. They cleared the land and planted their crops, built grist mills, saw mills, roads and carved out a civilization in the wilderness. The women wove the materials with their spinning wheels, made the clothing, tended the children, did the cooking over

open fires and helped to provide the finer things in life for their families.

Providence Church was constituted on 11 June 1825 near Athens, Louisiana. Christopher and Polly Koonce were charter members. They lived near this church and did a lot in helping to organize it.

Polly (Brinson) Koonce died soon after this and is probably buried near here in an unmarked grave. She and Christopher had the following known children:

Lenora Koonce, daughter of Christopher and Polly, was born 11 January 1807 near Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee. She died in Arcadia, Louisiana ca 1893. She married in Claiborne Parish in 1826 to George W. Brown. He was born in Kentucky in 1805 and died in Bienville Parish in 1864. They had the following issue:

- (1). Mary Anne Brown born 1827, died 1911, married 1847 to Eldred Hardy.
- (2). Martha E. Brown born 1828, married Thomas L. Prothro.
- (3). Bertram Philip Brown b.1831. He taught school in Bienville Parish.
- (4). Lenora Brown b. 1835, died before 1863. She married John R. Boylston.
- (5). John C. Brown born 1837, died 4 February 1863 from small pox in Richmond, Virginia during the Civil War.
- (6). George W. Brown, Jr., born 1839.
- (7). Eunice Haseltine Brown was born on the 22nd of December 1841, and married Green W. Hartsfield.
- (8). David B. Brown born 1844, married 19 Sept. 1865 to Sallie A. Rowell.
- (9). Paul Brown was born in 1846, and died young.

2. Amander Koonce, son of Christopher and Polly Koonce, was born 1808 in Wilson County, Tennessee. and moved to Louisiana as a young boy. He married (1st) Martha A. W. Byas in 1833. It is believed that Martha was the daughter of Robert

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

With this issue we have completed our first year of publication. The response has been good. The financial picture is in the black. We have envelopes and labels printed with the **KOONCE to KOONCE** logo. The Microsoft Publisher software is bought and paid for. Most of our financial goals have been met.

The only goal that we didn't accomplish this year is the follow-up mailing to the 1,487 post cards that we mailed out in June. From them we gained 9 new members. About 400 were returned as undeliverable due to "no forwarding address". Since that mailing I have received an updated list with about 300 new Koonce address.

Plans are for my sister-in-law, Pat Koonce, to produce a flier for requests for receipies from Koonces for a future **KOONCE COOK BOOK**. Included with that, I will send another membership application to all Koonces that we have not contacted and the follow-up to the post card. Pat and I will share postage on that.

Included with this issue you will find indexes to the first three issues. We plan to include indexes with all future issues.

There is so much more we could do, such as purchase census records on microfilm or CD Rom and other documents, but we need more members. As of today we

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Christopher Koonce moves west

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and Minnie Byas. She was b. 1816 and died in 1854 in Bienville Parish. Amander and Martha had the following issue:

(1). Andrew Jackson Koonce was born in 1834, married 25 November 1852 to Mariah Campbell, daughter of William Campbell. Andrew Jackson Koonce, served as a Pvt. and Sergt. in Company I, 16th Louisiana Inf. He enlisted September 29, 1861 at Camp Moore, Louisiana, and served until his death in October 1863. Maria (Campbell) Koonce married (2nd) 4 December 1866 to Wesley A. Smith. Mariah and Andrew Jackson Koonce had three daughters born to them; Louisa K., Martha V., and Mary E.

(2). Mary E. Koonce born 25 Sept. 1837, married 12 August 1856, Caster, Louisiana, to Bernhard Heinrich Stall. He was born 2 February 1832, Brochterbeck, Germany, and died 10 March 1905. Mary Elizabeth (Koonce) Stall died 12 September 1904. They are both buried at Mt. Lebanon, Louisiana. Twelve children were born to this union.

(3). Nancy Jane Koonce was born 1839, married (1st) 19 August 1858 to Wesley Chandler, married (2nd) 1864 to J.W. Daily and (3rd) 11 November 1868 to her first cousin, Thomas W. Koonce, son of James C. Koonce. Nancy Jane had two Chandler children, two Daily children and she and Thomas Koonce had six children.

(4). Robert Amander Koonce born 28 February 1841, married (1st) 12 July 1865 to Mrs. Sarah J. (Cockerham) Harvard, she was born 17 June 1845 and died 21 April 1885, she and Robert had four children, Robert married (2nd) to Ophelia Jane McInnis 14 April 1886. She was born 5 September 1846, and died 26 January 1922, they had only one son Oliver Koonce born January 1888. Robert A. Koonce fought in the Civil War, he joined Company I, 16th Louisiana Infantry in September 1862 at Camp Moore, Louisiana. In 1863 he was at Camp Ewell with the Company C, 9th Louisiana Infantry. September 1864 he was listed in the rolls of Prisoners of War, captured at Strausburg, Virginia. He was received at Harper's Ferry, Vir-

ginia October 3, 1864 and sent to Pt. Lookout, Maryland. Paroled and transferred for exchange at Coxes Landing, James River, Virginia in February 1865. He was exchanged and paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 1865. Robert died 26 January 1922, Caster Louisiana. He and his wives and children are buried in Old Castor Cemetery. Some of his descendants still own the land that Amander Koonce once owned.

(5). Martha P. "Matt" Koonce was born 12 Feb. 1842 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, married 16 Nov. 1858 to Levi Henson. He was born 1834 in MS and died in Bienville Parish in 1915. Martha died in 1920 and they are both buried in Camp Ground Cemetery in Bienville Parish.

(6). Eliza Rebecca Koonce was born 4 August 1844, married (1st) Charles Henson on 22 March 1859 at Homer, Louisiana. They had two daughters: Martha (Matt) Henson born 1859 and Charley A. Henson born 1861, shortly after her mother had been notified that her husband was killed in the Civil War, she named her daughter for him. Eliza married (2nd) Henry Haywood Daniel, son of William and Elizabeth (Proctor) Daniel, 25 January 1868 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Henry Daniel was born 4 December 1839 in Lawndes County, Alabama and died 25 June 1926, Ellis County, Texas. They had nine children.

(7). Laura Ann Koonce b. 1845 in Bienville Parish. She married 8 Dec. 1863 to Elias Murphy. They had seven children.

(8). Susannah A. Koonce b. 1848 and m. 10 Sept. 1864 to William H. Chandler.

(9). Margaret Koonce born 1849 in Bienville Parish, married (1st) Thomas L. Murphy and (2nd) James L. Lester.

(10). John L. Koonce born in 1851, and married Nancy Hill Canterbury on the 15th of June 1871. Nancy was born May 1852 in Louisiana, They had seven children, John Koonce and his descendants moved to Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Amander Koonce married (2nd) his sister-in-law, Ms. Rebecca (Byas) Leatherman, 19 July 1855 in Bienville Parish. Amander and Rebecca had two sons.

(1). Philip H. Koonce born 1856 in Bienville Parish and died 1 January 1929,

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

A SHORT RESUME BY ELLEN VIRGINIA KOONCE COSEY

I am the first-born of Harry Stafford and Edna Pauline Henkle Koonce. I was born March 1, 1902 at Halltown, W. Va., in the stone house of my Grandmother Henkle's, just across two fields from where my parents lived.

When I was about four years old my father took proprietorship of the Shannondale Springs Hotel. A summer resort containing twenty-five guest rooms, managers living quarters, an office, a large ball room, two baths - one each on the second and third floors at the end of the long porches - on the ground floor or first floor front, facing the meadow, sulphur springs and the river, was a large kitchen and a dining room the length of the building.

Many well-known and wealthy people, with their families and friends, came each summer and fall.

I particularly remember one guest that came many times - Mr. George P. Doane, of Washington, D.C., and it was he that took all the pictures in this book of Shannondale and our family and gave them to my Mother.

The other guests, we could never forget, was the family of Captain and Mrs. Volney Ogle Chase with their three children, Suzanne, Elizabeth, and Volney, Jr. They came several times and I loved to play with them.

On November 15, 1909 my Father went to Charles Town on business, leaving my Mother, Pauline, Estelle and me (Virginia) at the Hotel. He returned about four o'clock and saw smoke and flames coming from the rafters under the front porch. He notified us and tried to save some things, but there was no one to help, the fire was raging, and a few things that he carried out burned in the yard from the heat. Consequently, we only were left with the clothes we were wearing. Mrs. Chase packed trunks of clothes and other things and sent them to us, for which we were most grateful and thankful - this was the only outside assistance we received.

After this my Father returned to farming and we lived down the road about a mile from Grandma Koonce's, where we



Ellen Virginia Koonce Cossey with her book, "KOONCE BRITTAIN HENKLE ALLSTADT"

remained, and during the following years three more children were born - Howard Stafford, Swagler Henkle and Stafford Willard Koonce.

We all went to Halltown School, but in later years, busing was incorporated and they went to Harpers Ferry School. I finished the seventh and eighth grades at Halltown School in May, 1916 and had to take the State of W. Va. Elementary Diploma Test on May 18 and 19, 1916, and must make a minimum of 75% in order to be able to go to high school. Fortunately, I passed and received my diploma. (Note: a copy of her tests and diploma are included in her book)

I entered Harpers Ferry High School September 1916 and graduated May 1920.

Pauline and I went to Shepherd College, received our certified teaching certificates. I started teaching the Third Grade at Harpers Ferry and Pauline taught at Millville. I taught for three years - 1921 to May 1924 - for \$75.00 per month for nine mo. per year.

In the summer of 1924 I met Mr. L.W. Burns, Supt. of Martinsburg Schools and he offered me a job teach the Fifth Grade at Winchester Avenue

School in Martinsburg at \$105.00 per month and 10 months per year. I did not hesitate. So I taught at Martinsburg from Sept. 1924 until June 1935 - eleven years.

At this time I married Fonrose Wissner Cossey and the School Board had a ruling that when women married they must forfeit their job, thus I resigned.

I had graduated from Shepherd College in 1923, 1927 Elementary Education and returned to Shepherd and graduated in 1943, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education - Home Economics and Science.

Got a job teaching in Hagerstown, Md. September 1943 and taught 29 years. Sept. 1943 to June 1972, and had to retire because I was seventy years old. I taught Fifth Grade at the old Lincoln school and the same grade at the new Lincolnshire School.

During the interim, I attended Columbia University, New York City and received a Masters of Arts Degree in 1949. Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of Columbia at this time.

I belong to the Washington County and Maryland State Teachers Association and for many years the NEA, and now to the Maryland Retired Teachers Association, the Women's Club, Shepherd College Emeritus Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, the AAUW - American Association of University Women, at Shepherd I was President of Alpha Sigma Tau and the Home Economics Club. Also belonged to the West Virginia Society.

I have Life Memberships in: Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Shepherd College Alumni Association, and the Shillelagh Flying Club.

My avocations are: knitting, crocheting, oil painting, sewing, needle point, crewel work, bridge, five hundred, and GENEALOGY, and I've done a lot of each.

I've travelled quite a bit over a considerable portion of the world (Note: there is a separate Travel section in her book)

My burial place will be Edge Hill Cemetery, Charles Town, WV beside my husband, Fonrose Wissner Cossey, and I only want a graveside funeral, no viewing.

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KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

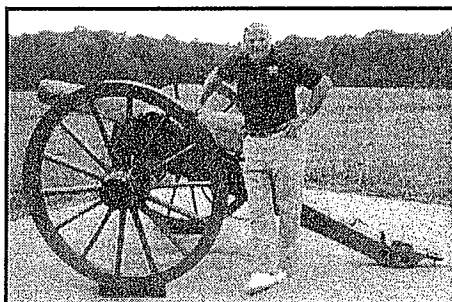
by David L. Koonce



As one of the nine children of George Koonce and Letty McGee from Lincoln Co. in Tennessee, James M. Koonce, b-15 Jan 1838 is representative of the southern branch of the Koonce family. Recently married to Susan Rowland (07 Mar 1861), the 5 foot 10 inch with dark hair and gray eyed man entered the confederate services on 13 Nov. 1861. Joining along with his brothers Calvin and Hickman a local company "The Liberty Guards"*, made up of men entirely from Lincoln County under officers Joseph George, William March and Thomas Griffis. This company, along with companies from Franklin, Bedford and Marshall counties and sporting such names as "The Shelbyville Rebels" and the "Richmond Gentrys" would be organized into the 41st Tennessee Infantry Regiment. James Koonce's "Liberty Guards" becoming Co. D. The "Shelbyville Rebels" Co. F and the "Richmond Gentrys" Co. G. This office mustering in occurred 28 Nov. 1861 at Camp Trousdale in Tennessee from there the regiment went to Bowling Green in Kentucky to complete its equipment and such training as it could receive before seeing its first action in February 1862.

The company roster for Dec. 1861 and Jan. 1862, the height of the training period, shows James was home sick. This is not unusual. New regiments during the war were supposed to number about a thousand men. However, the change to army life with its disciplines, issue food and very often less than standard hygiene caused by putting thousands of men together in small areas, many of whom knew very little if anything of water purification, the need to fully cook meats and the reasons to keep water and food sources away from latrine areas caused many men to sicken. Disease and illness kept regiments at half strength or below when going into action. Records indicate that every soldier in the confederate army would suffer at least one disabling bout with either diarrhea or dysentery. Left

unchecked or without proper care the illnesses often became life threatening. Of the 600,000 men who would die during the civil war, over half would fall victim to disease. An example here will be Corporal Lewis Koonce, Co. K 27th



David Koonce at Gettysburg, standing by a "Brass Napoleon", 12 pounder.

North Carolina Infantry, from Jones Co. North Carolina. This survivor of the fighting in the sunken road (Bloody Lane) at Antietam would according to the official records die of chronic diarrhea in Petersburg, Va. 24 Feb. 1863.

A recovered James Koonce will rejoin his regiment in late January 1862 where as part of Colonel John Browns Brigade of Simon Buckners Division it will be sent to Fort Donelson on the Tennessee River on 12 February. The confederate post at Fort Donelson was designed to close the river system to the union forces. Its loss would open the central area of the state to invasion and allow the union forces to penetrate deeper leading to the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg while giving a secure line of supply to the union forces. For this reason Fort Donelson was heavily garrisoned and defended. Along with the three divisions of infantry the fort supported 15 heavy guns (ten 32 pounders, one 8 inch howitzer, two 9 pounders and a 10 inch columbiad) in three batteries. Situated on a high river bluff it was an imposing fortress.

The 41st Tennessee moved into

prepared trenches on the northwest corner of the fortress. The federal army under command of Ulysses S. Grant in conjunction with a strong fleet of gunboats encircled Donelson and attacked on February 13th. The attacks were beaten back with some loss and the 41st, held in reserve, saw little action. On the 14th Grant tried again, having slept his forces in the open where the fighting had ended the day before. The weather had turned sour, after springlike temperatures the 13th, that night a sleet and snow storm, reportedly covering the ground with an inch of frozen ice and catching the exposed troops unprepared. Both sides suffered. The exposed Union troops and the Confederates who were forced to man the trenches now filled with mud and frozen slush. The attack of the 14th engaged the 41st Tennessee for the first time. In heavy fighting and under fire from the gunboats the lines were held. The 41st reported 575 men engaged, two killed, six wounded and 26 missing. The intensity of artillery fire is best described by Adm. Footes vice commander, who was aboard the gunboat Carondelet, from his after action report:

"Some of our shells went over the fort and almost into our camp beyond. We were hailed by Adm. Foote and ordered not to fire so fast. As we drew nearer the fort the confederate fire grew in accuracy and effect. We heard the deafening crack of the bursting shells, the crash of solid shot, and whizzing of fragments of shell and wood as they sped through the vessel. Soon a 128 pounder struck our anchor, smashed it into flying bolts and bounded over the vessel taking away a part of our smoke-stack; then another cut away the iron boat-davits as if they were pipe stems, whereupon the boat dropped into the water. Another went thru the plating and lodged in the heavy casemate; another struck the pilot-house, knocked the plating to pieces and sent fragments of iron and splinters into the pilots; and still they

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smoke staffs, tearing off the side armor as lightning tears the bark from a tree."

Fort Donelson stood. The inside commanders knew the situation was getting desperate. No relief nearby, fully surrounded with what they believed to be superior forces, another attack was fended off on the 15th. General Buckner attempted to negotiate with Brig. Gen. Grant and asked for terms of surrender. Grants reply became famous, electrifying the north and changing the way Grant was looked upon by his superiors.

"Sir, yours of this date proposing armistice, and appointment of commissioners to settle terms of capitulation is just received. No terms except unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works."

Ulysses S. Grant was now, United States Grant or Unconditional Surrender Grant, and would be forever famous.

The evening of the 15th, after a council of war between commanding officers it was decided to surrender. It would be the first significant surrender of forces in the war. That night Gen. Nathan B. Forrest who refused to accept surrender escaped with his cavalry command. A few infantry with Gen. Pillow managed to cross the river in small boats. The next day Fort Donelson gave up. The 41st was broken up. James and the other enlisted men went to Camp Morton near Evansville Indiana. Line officers to Camp Chase in Columbus Ohio and field officers to Ft. Warren in Massachusetts.

By todays standard as a prisoner of war James would be out of the war. Not so in 1862. An exchange system existed wherein a certain number of prisoners from one side would be exchanged for an agreed upon number of prisoners from the other. In theory the exchanged men would sign a paper agreeing to not take up arms again for a period of time. This was rarely the case. After eight months as a prisoner, James Koonce and the men of the 41st were exchanged at Vicksburg Ms. Life as a prisoner did not seem to effect James very badly, except for records of him at Camp Morton I have no lists of illness,

attempts to escape or punishment.

In December the 41st was placed in a brigade under John Gregg and moved to Port Hudson, La. In May 1863 the brigade left there for Jackson Mississippi and was engaged in heavy fighting at Raymond, Ms. Their first meeting with a union Gen. named Sherman. The 41st was at Yazoo City, Ms on July 4th when Vicksburg fell after a long siege.

The summer in the deep south with its heat, mosquitos, and the previously described poor living conditions did not agree with James. Company records show him absent and sick in the hospital from August thru October 1863 and specifically in a division hospital in Enterprise, Ms. The illness is not identified. Due to the illness he missed the 41st next big show at the Battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19-20, 1863. The 41st reported 325 men engaged out of 596 exchanged at Vicksburg.

On November 25-26th James was engaged at the Battle of Missionary Ridge which raised the siege of Chattanooga, and set up the Red Clay Minuet, talked about in the last issue, which led to the Battle of Atlanta.

A report of the 41st Tennessee in winter quarters at Dalton, Ga on December 14th, 1863 speaks of the condition of confederate forces at this time. It shows 201 effective troops with 226 present but only 151 with arms. Now a part of the Army of the Tennessee under General Johnston the 41st is under the brigade of Otho Strahl of Cheathams Division. It will remain with Strahl thru the Atlanta campaign engaging in fighting at Kennesaw Mountain and the Atlanta battles of July 19th and July 22nd, engaged here against James R. Koonce, Co. C, 26th Illinois. (See Koonce to Koonce, Vol. 1, Issue 3).

With Atlanta gone, Rebel forces besieged in Petersburg Va., Gen. Sherman in Atlanta with over 90,000 union forces begins his march to the sea in the fall. The Army of the Tennessee now under Gen. John B. Hood after the fall of Atlanta is down to about 40,000 men and cannot stop Sherman as he begins his move. With an army that is

poorly outfitted and existing on a supply system that is so strained it is a wonder it worked at all. Hood tries a desperate gamble. He leaves Atlanta and ignores Sherman to begin another invasion into the State of Tennessee in the belief that with an army in his rear Sherman will have to respond to it and abandon Atlanta and his march. The plan does not work. Sherman ignores Hood and goes into history, leaving Gen. George Thomas, the Rock of Chickamauga, in command of reserve forces at Nashville, Tennessee to collect his forces and stop Hood.

Gen. Hood, a heads-up fighter, is committed and invades anyway, crossing back into the State of Tennessee and hoping to destroy Thomas before he can collect his forces against him. At Spring Hill he moves against Gen. Scholfield, the 41st is in reserve and misses the action. Thru blunders which Hood blames on subordinates the union force escapes destruction and a foot race begins to Nashville. Just south of there at Franklin, Gen. Scholfield is caught again and turns to fight, he intrenches with his 10,000 men. Out numbering Scholfield 4 to 1 Hood orders an attack. The main thrust of the attack will come from Cheathams division which has the 41st Tennessee in it. This attack takes place without artillery preparation, across over a mile of open ground against intrenched forces. It is often called the Picketts Charge of the West. Down to a shell of its former self the regiment is commanded by Capt. D.A. Kennedy. At the breastworks there is severe fighting and the confederates actually break the line in places. In others there is terrible crossfire. The 41st is caught in one crossfire. The Brigade Commander Strahl is killed. Next in command Lt. Col. Stafford is found dead standing, propped up by the bodies around him. In the end it was stalemate. One of the most bitter fights of the war. That night Scholfield withdrew to Nashville and left Hood the town. Gen. Hood never reported his losses at Franklin, Tennessee. Records for the 41st Tn. cannot be found, though they were placed in the area of the field where the fighting was most severe.

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Christopher Koonce, 1780-ca 1845

North Carolina to Louisiana

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married Martha Izelia Jacobs. She was born October 1846 and died 8 July 1929. They are both buried at Beckon Cemetery, Hornbeck, LA. They had seven children. It is recorded in the court house in Arcadia, LA, that Philip H. Koonce purchased land from Samuel Vance, on the 17th of February 1887, for four (4) bales of cotton.

(2). George W. Koonce was born in 1858. He married on the 19th of September 1874 to Sarah Jane Jacobs. George W. Koonce and his descendants later moved to Jackson Parish, Louisiana. There are still Koonce's living there.

Rebecca (Byas-Leatherman) Koonce, second wife of Amander, died sometime in the 1860's. We have no definite date, nor do we know where she was buried. Amander Koonce died 1895 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Old Castor Cemetery.

3. Courtney "Count" Alison Koonce, son of Christopher and Polly (Brinson) Koonce, was born 1812 in Wilson County, Tennessee. He married Rebecca Henderson in 1833 Bienville Parish, LA. They lived in Bienville Parish until the mid-eighteen fifties, then they moved to Texas. They were living in Lavaca County near Hallettsville, Texas in 1860, then soon after this they moved to Goliad County, TX. Rebecca died sometime between 1870 and 1880 in Goliad County and is buried in an unmarked grave. Count Alison Koonce died ca 1893 and he too is buried in an unmarked grave. They had the following children, all born in Bienville Parish, Louisiana except the last two.

(1). Robert Henderson Koonce born 6 September 1833, died 10 July 1902. In 1856 he married Luanna A. Warren, born 5 February 1834 in Alabama and died 17 June 1863, Goliad County, Texas. They had three daughters Ellen Virginia, Mary Catherine and Amanda Koonce.

(2). Mary Ann Koonce born 6 September 1833, a twin to Robert.

(3). Christopher Koonce was born in 1838 in the state of Louisiana. He served in the Civil War, riding his horse from Lavaca County, Texas to Brownsville, Texas. He was mustered into service in September 1861 at Fort Brown.

(4). Daniel Koonce born 1840 in Louisiana, served in Civil War from May 1862 until the end of the war in 1865. He joined Company D, 8 Regiment Texas Infantry at Goliad, Texas. He married Sarah Frances New. She was born on the 24th of June 1845. They married in 1864. Daniel was living with his daughter Elvira E. and her husband R. W. Thetford in 1900. Sarah Frances (New) Koonce died between 1880 and 1900. Daniel and Sarah had four children.

(5). Amander Koonce was born 1843 in Louisiana and he died 16 October 1861 at Fort Brown in Brownsville, Texas. He joined the service as a Private in Captain Mat. Nolan's Company 2 Reg't. Texas Mounted Vols., and rode 250 miles on horseback.

(6). Martha Koonce was born in 1845 in the state of Louisiana. We have no further information on her.

(7). Josephine Koonce was born in the year 1847 in Louisiana.

(8). John Philip Koonce born April 1849 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, died 21 February 1922 in Goliad, Texas. He married Tabitha Elvira New, daughter of George Gilbert and Tabitha (Newton) New, in 1869. She was born 7 November 1848, Sumter County, Alabama, and died 9 November 1903. They are both buried in Berclair Cemetery, Goliad County, Texas. John Philip's grave is unmarked. They had nine children.

(9). Thomas Francis Koonce born 29 July 1851, Bienville Parish. Died in 1911, buried in Kenedy, Texas. He married Pauline Cox, daughter of Lawrence S. Cox. She was born on the 9th of September 1854 in Texas and died before 1900. She is buried in an unmarked grave in the Berclair Cemetery, Berclair, Texas. Thomas and Pauline (Cox) Koonce had twelve children.

(10). Laura Koonce born 1854 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Died young.

(11). George Brooks Koonce was born on the 4th of October 1856 in Texas. He married 27 December 1876, Goliad County, Texas, to Emma Anice Cox, daughter of Lawrence S. Cox. Emma was born 6 November 1861 at

Lytton Springs, Caldwell County, Texas. George died 1915 at Burr, Texas and is buried at El Campo, Texas. Emma died 4 April 1916 and is buried at Runge, Texas. They had thirteen children born to them, two of whom were born dead.

(12). Ela Koonce was born in 1859 in Texas, and she died in infancy.

4. James Carrol Koonce, son of Christopher and Polly (Brinson) Koonce, was born 1815 in Wilson County Tennessee and moved with his parents to northern Louisiana about 1818 where they settled in what is now Bienville Parish, Louisiana. About 1832 he married Susannah (Susan) Johnson, daughter of John and Sarah (Colvin) Johnson. They were living in Union Parish, Louisiana in 1840. Later moving into Texas.

Susannah Johnson Koonce was born 8 May 1816, in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and died in Shelby County, Texas, 6 March 1904. James C. Koonce was granted a Homestead, 6 May 1854 in the Land Office at Nacogdoches, Texas. He was a Baptist Minister and preached for many years around Melrose Community.

During the Civil War these parents had six sons to serve in Company A, 11th Texas Infantry of the Confederate Army. One son, John D. Koonce died in the War and the son Christopher lost a leg.

The early records of Nacogdoches County, Texas show a register of voters under the Radical Reconstruction Act of 1867. All male citizens over 21 years of age and living in the former Confederate States, were required to register before being eligible to vote. The Koonce's in Precinct No. 7 are as follows:

Philip Koonce born in Louisiana, in County 10 years.

Thomas W. Koonce born in Louisiana, in County 17 years.

Daniel Koonce born in Louisiana, in County 16 years.

Christopher Koonce born in Louisiana, in County 17 years.

William J. Koonce born in Louisiana, in County 18 years.

James C. Koonce born in Tennessee, in County 17 years.

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KOONCE BRITTAIN HENKLE ALLSTADT

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Text by Tom Palmer

This, and hopefully future articles, will be extracted or taken "verbatim" from a compilation of data entitled "KOONCE-BRITTAIN-HENKLE-ALLSTADT" by Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey. As many times happens in genealogical research, these data were discovered quite by accident. While looking through a copy of the Jefferson County Historical Society Magazine, I noticed that a Mary Koonce was an active member of that organization. Knowing that my Koonce line came from the area, I sent an inquiry to Mary and in her initial response, she confirmed that we were indeed related and sent me a copy of the first few pages of the above mentioned book. She also informed me that if I desired more information, I should contact its author, "Aunt Virginia", as she was the genealogist of the family; she enclosed Aunt Virginia's address and telephone number. In my very first correspondence with Virginia Cosey, she not only answered many of my questions but also invited me to visit her whenever I was in the area. This opportunity came in June of 1993 and I spent several days in north-western Virginia, the West Virginia panhandle, and southcentral Maryland. From a genealogy research aspect, my visit to this area was highly successful, but the highlight of the trip was an evening spent with Aunt Virginia.

Many pages have been written and could be yet written regarding E. Virginia Koonce Cosey and it would be a feeble attempt on my part to attempt to add much or anything here. I will say that I find her to be a very gracious and highly talented LADY, gifted with grace and beauty that would be considered rare in today's world. She has a genuine interest in whomever she meets and in people in general, as well as a seemingly inexhaustible interest in an endless list of subjects. A glimpse of this side of her can be found in her dedication or preface to her book which reads - "This is my gift to the present generations of the KOONCE-BRITTAIN-HENKLE-ALLSTADT families. It is my personal

Labour of love and offered as such with the hope that all future generations will continue to compile and document our history. This is my legacy to each and all. Sincerely, [signed] Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey."

Further insight into who Aunt Virginia really is can be gained from her **BOOK**. However, you can not find this book in most library card catalogs because the book has not been published but rather painstakingly typed, compiled, and a limited number photocopied for distribution to family, friends, and to local libraries and collections in Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. Aunt Virginia states in the Forward of the book that, "*The compiling of these records and in book form is intended to have a written account of what information is readily available in an informal manner. I have always been a collector of memorabilia of all kinds - pictures, newspaper articles, obituaries, weddings, marriages, school announcements, and everything since 1920. It is from this material that I have been able to compile a lot of my data.*" She further provides a quote which in some ways may provide insight to her objective in writing the book and how she feels about family - "it is said that, *Whenever a People forgets it Worthy Past, the Day will come when it will not have a Past Worth Remembering.*" She continues: "The compiling of these records and in book form is intended to have a written account of what information is readily available in an informal manner. All groups (in each section of the book) belong to the average American families, no better and no worse. The groups contain the average of all walks of life, such as: farmers, teachers, merchants, doctors, lawyers, preachers, artist, nurses, mechanics, business, etc. All working toward progress and prosperity in their respective communities. I have lived among many and knew them and can recall visiting and seeing them. My satisfaction lies in knowing that I have done my best and hope I have aided in making a contribution to those that are interested. I am sure that this compi-

lation contains repetitions and mistakes, so if you detect these, my apologies, and please bear with me."

She speaks well of herself! A truly remarkable person!

Continuation from the January, 1994 newsletter (Vol. 1, Issue 1, pp. 4-6) of the lineage of George KOONCE (b. 17 APR 1818; d. 23 JUL 1908) with generations six and seven as written in "Aunt Virginia's" book.

GENERATION SIX

Children of George Stafford KOONCE (b. 15 JUN 1895; d. 22 MAY 1957) and Sarah Ada NICHOLS (b. 23 OCT 1922).

1. Charlotte Marie Koonce (b. 25 OCT 1944, married first 02 OCT 1961 to Bertram Holt WEBSTER (b. 03 AUG 1942, had two children. Married second on 21 JAN 1970 to Ronald Timothy O'DELL (b. 26 NOV 1940, had one child.
2. Sarah Jane Koonce (b. 06 AUG 1948, married 11 SEP 1970 to David Earle ZOLLARS (b. 11 NOV 1946, had three children.
3. Rebecca Eilean Koonce (b. 11 AUG 1949, married 26 APR 1969 to John Thomas SAINES (b. 13 AUG 1948, had one child.
4. Georgiana Koonce (b. 17 MAY 1951, married 20 APR 1974 to Michael Lee SHOMPER (b. 24 OCT 1950, had two children.

Children of Pauline Stafford KOONCE (b. 08 JAN 1904; d. 25 APR 1971) and George Allen SCHAFFERT (b. 03 FEB 1904; d. 14 DEC 1987).

1. Grahl Lee Schaffert (b. 28 SEP 1928; d. 15 OCT 1988), married 14 OCT 1950 to Mary Francis HAMERICK (b. 25 JUN 1929, had four children.
2. Gayl Koonce Schaffert (b. 23 JUL 1930, married first Thomas Welford HENRY, no issue; married second Jesse WALLER (b. 21 FEB 1926, no issue.

Children of Howard Stafford KOONCE (b. 20 FEB 1910; d. 19 DEC 1990), married 17 MAR 1934 in Hagerstown, MD to Henrietta Lee MURPHY (b. 29 AUG 1913; d. 01 MAY 1989).

1. Stafford Howard Koonce b. 25 FEB 1941; m. 19 AUG 1978 to Mary Virginia

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David Leon Koonce, John Paul Koonce Suzanne (Koonce) Lohrstorfer, Lindell F. Koonce

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EVERHART b. 15 DEC 1948; one child.

Children of Swagler Henkle Koonce (b. 12 JAN 1913, married 06 APR 1945 in Baltimore, MD to Gladys Arlene SNYDER (b. 06 AUG 1915. Dreusilla Gorrell Koonce (08 MAR 1948. 2. Swagler Henkle Koonce II (b. 30 AUG 1949; married 03 JUL 1971 in Winchester, VA to Brenda Kay SMALLRIDGE b. 19 MAR 1948. 3. Gwynn Arlene Koonce (b. 05 OCT 1954.

GENERATION SEVEN

Children of Charlotte Marie Koonce and Bertram Holt Webster are:

1. Phillipp Lawrence Webster (b. 10 MAY 1962)
2. Christopher Holt Webster (b. 07 NOV 1964)

Children of Charlotte Marie Koonce and Ronald Timothy O'Dell are:

1. Kelly Erin O'Dell (b. 30 JUN 1971)

Children of Sarah Jane Koonce and David Earle Zollars are:

1. Eric Stafford Zollars (b. 10 MAR 1977)
2. Erin Paige Zollars (b. 12 OCT 1978)
3. Allison Noll Zollars (b. 28 NOV 1983)

Children of Rebecca Eilean Koonce and John Thomas Saine

1. Cortney Michelle Saine (b. 31 JUL 1974)

Children of Georgiana Koonce and Michael Lee Shomper

1. Corie Lee Shomper (b. 24 AUG 1978)
2. Michael Lee Shomper (b. 12 JUL 1982)

3. Jessica Lee Shomper (b. 24 JAN 1989)

Children of Grahl Lee Schaffert and Mary Francis Hamerich

1. Allan Grahl Schaffert (b. 01 DEC 1952), m. 05 DEC 1976 to Chris Stefanie SMITH (b. 02 AUG 1950); three children.
2. Michael Raymond Schaffert (b. 13 JUL 1955), m. 29 NOV 1985 to Judith Amy RABIN (b. 31 OCT 1957); two children.
3. Lee Francis Schaffert (b. 18 JAN 1957), m. 16 JUN 1979 to Nancy Elaine STUBBLE (b. 29 OCT 1959); three children.
4. David Arthur Schaffert b. 14 MAY 1958, m. 25 MAY 1985 to Denise Kay WONTORCIK b. 24 JUL 1959; three children.

Children of Gayl Koonce Schaffert and Jesse Waller

1. Paula Lynn Henry Waller (b. 18 JAN 1952), m. to Ernest George STELLINGS II; two children.
2. Jesse Mundy Waller, Jr. (b. 13 NOV 1958), m. 12 MAY 1990 to Carolyn Campbell CROOM (b. 29 MAR 1963)
3. Garland Waller (b. 23 FEB 1961)

Children of Stafford Howard Koonce and Mary Virginia Everhart

1. Howard Stafford Leigh Koonce (b. 11 JAN 1984)

The four children of Swagler Henkle Koonce II and Brenda Kay Smallridge are

1. Shelly Hart Koonce (b. 05 APR 1973)
2. Kara Kay Koonce (02 JAN 1974)
3. Swagler Henkle Koonce III (b. 12 MAY 1977)
4. Lee Ann Koonce (b. 13 DEC 1979)

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have 94 total members. There are 7 complimentary memberships such as genealogical societies and Koonces that are incarcerated. If you know of anybody that would like to share information by becoming a member please give them the information so they can join. We have no way of knowing or contacting people that do not use the name Koonce.

On the 14th of October, David Leon Koonce and his wife Betsy, Lindell F. Koonce and his wife Kattie, Suzanne (Koonce) Lohrstorfer and her Husband Tim and Nancy & I met at the Holiday Inn in Effingham, IL and shared information on Koonces. Tim Lohrstorfer paid a visit to Nancy & I, at our home, earlier this year, but the rest of us had never met in person. We had a wonderful, but short, time. We knew of a connection, 5 generations back with Suzanne and me but the rest of us had not connected before.

David had found the will of Tobias Koonce and with that information he was able to find the link to connect with my line, eight generations back. There was no genealogical connection with Lindell, however he and David did find a personal connection with one of Lindell's relatives.

One of the benefits of membership came about with our first 1995 member, Margaret (nee Koonce) Phelps of Carbondale, IL. It turns out that she is a second cousin to our Civil War editor, David Leon Koonce. Margaret opened up a family line that David had hit a dead end on. When I talked to David he said he would send Margaret a lot of information and hopefully they can both expand their knowledge of their ancestry.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Mormon, want to put the **KOONCE to KOONCE** Newsletter on microfilm and distribute it to all their branch libraries. This could bring in more members and expand the sharing of information on Koonces for all of us. They will get a complimentary subscription.

A membership in the **KOONCE Genealogical Society** would be a great gift idea for Christmas or birthdays. Or even just as a way to tell someone that you care about them. It will last all year.

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KOONCE vs KOONCE

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Hood officially states 5,000 casualties at Franklin, Tennessee for his army, this is very conservative. The Union estimates run as high as 9,000. What is known is after the battle, twelve hospitals were set up in Franklin to serve the wounded, they were still there thru the middle of December. Only two of these are known to have been for union soldiers.

Gen. Hood with what was left of his army, about 25,000 men, moved on to Nashville. Outnumbered in the face of Gen. Thomas combined forces he cannot attack but will not leave. For almost a month the condition of the army becomes wretched. What is left of the 41st is combined with the 19th and 24th Tennessee to make one thin regiment.

The weather now turns cold and the winter snow comes. Perhaps as many as one third of the confederate soldiers had no shoes at all. Union observers found confederate pickets in front of their lines frozen to death. General Hoods troops have lost faith in him, desertions continue to mount, and many are only a few miles from home. James stays with it.

Finally on December 15/16th Gen. Thomas moves against the forces arrayed against him. It is not a contest. When the flank collapses on the left, the Army of the Tennessee routs. It does not stop until it recrosses the Tennessee River and gets back into Mississippi on December 28th. During the retreat Union forces report the capture of 32 field guns, 11 caissons, 12 colors and 3,332 prisoners. Gen. Thomas states during the entire campaign he captured 13,189 confederates and received 2,000 deserters into his lines.

With four months left before Appomattox, the handwriting for the confederacy is on the wall. James M. Koonce has seen his war and suffered its privations. Close to home for the first time in four years, with the collapse of the army, he deserts on December 16, 1864. In February 1865 he takes the oath of allegiance swearing to never again take up arms against the United States of America, and to obey all of its laws. He makes his mark, an X on a piece of paper, and is released to full civilian life.

*Many units when formed did so as companies or regiments and took a variety of names until accepted into regular service. In official records, when researching units, care must be taken to watch for the original designation given the unit and the name it formed under as dispatches thru the war often refer to either. Depending usually on the writer.

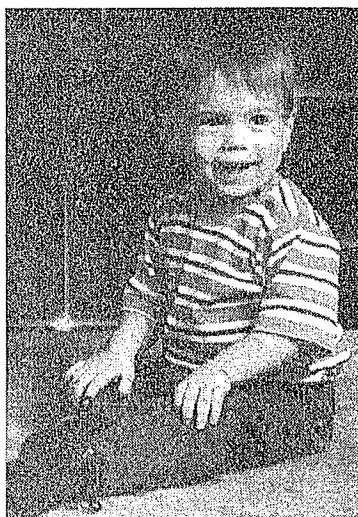
The Oath of Allegiance was required of all confederates who served in the armed forces. It, like desertion, is not a reflection on the person. It was simply a part of the process for the ending of the American Civil War.

Authors Note: I spent a lot of time in the 88 volume Official Records of the War of the Rebellion researching this article. Rather than list all the references here I offer a list of suggested reading which supports the records for anyone wishing to know more.

Suggested Reading. Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Vol. I and IV.

The Confederacy's Last Hurrah by Wiley Sword.

Attack and Die, Civil War Tactics and the Southern Heritage, by Grady McWhiney and Perry D. Jamieson



CORRECTION

In the last issue it was reported that Don & Pat Koonce, of Oakdale, MN, had a Great-grand daughter. This is definately NOT a girl. The above picture is of Don & Pats Great-grand SON, Michael Koonce.

OBITUARY



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IMOGENE KOONCE

Imogene Louise Koonce, 63, of rural Greenville died at 9:45 A.M. Tuesday, May 31, 1994 at Utlaut Memorial Hospital, Greenville.

Services were held at 11 A.M. Thursday at First Christian Church, Greenville, with the Rev. Darryl Bolen officiating. Burial was in Smith Grove Cemetery, rural Greenville. Schildknecht & Young Funeral Home, Greenville, was in charge of arrangements. Memorials: Bond County Health Department.

Mrs. Koonce was born July 8, 1930, in Bond County, daughter of Irvin Ray and Elva M. Cantrill Hill. She worked for Fashion Lane in Greenville for 13 years, was co-owner of Spic and Span Cleaners, Greenville, and was a member of First Christian Church, Greenville. She married Albert L. Willis, and they were divorced. She married Harold "Dean" Koonce on Oct. 2, 1954, in Vandalia.

Surviving are her husband; sons, Dan Willis of Mulberry Grove and Larry D. Koonce of Greenville; daughters, Mrs. Bill (Connie L.) Willmann and Brenda Cruthis, both of Pocahontas; mother, Elva M. Wiendel of Greenville; brother, Billy I. Hill of Greenville; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth Ray, preceded her in infancy.

Results of the 1994 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC

held at Chabre Executive Golf Course, Somerset Wisconsin, 20 August, 1994

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	GROSS	HDCP	NET
BOB KOONCE	4	6	5	5	4	5	4	5	6	44	4	6	4	5	7	7	4	4	4	45	89	21	68
JIM KOONCE	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	4	3	44	5	6	4	6	4	7	6	4	5	47	91	30	61
LEE KOONCE	5	6	4	5	6	5	6	5	5	47	3	7	6	5	5	5	5	6	10	52	99	36	63
DON KOONCE	4	6	5	5	4	5	4	5	6	44	4	10	3	7	6	7	6	3	5	51	95	27	68
BILL KOONCE	5	8	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	50	4	8	4	7	7	6	5	5	4	50	100	36	64
HEATHER KOONCE	9	10	7	10	8	8	9	6	7	84	5	10	7	8	10	9	7	7	6	69	153H	66	87
SHELLY KOONCE	5	10	6	5	6	7	8	7	4	58	5	10	5	7	10	7	9	6	6	65	123	66	57
JUSTIN REED	5	6	8	6	9	5	5	5	4	53	5	7	6	5	6	6	4	5	6	50	103	39	64
DAVE DEHN	4	5	5	4	6	4	5	4	4	41	4	7	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	44	85	18	67
DAN KOONCE	4	5	5	5	4	6	7	5	5	46	4	7	6	4	6	5	6	3	4	45	91	21	70
BOB HAYES	9	9	8	7	6	10	5	7	3	64	10	9	9	8	7	9	5	6	4	67	131	66	65
JULIE SEMPLE	7	10	5	6	10	7	6	3	5	59	5	9	5	8	7	8	8	4	10	64	123	66	57
KARIN KOONCE	6	10	7	10	7	10	5	4	5	64	7	10	7	10	8	9	7	7	8	73	137	75	62
BECKEY KOONCE	5	10	WITHDREW																	X	X	X	
DEBBIE KOONCE	6	10	5	6	7	5	7	5	4	55	7	10	4	9	10	10	8	3	9	70	125	75	50
WILLIE SEMPLE	5	8	5	7	5	6	6	5	7	54	3	8	5	7	8	8	5	4	4	52	106	33	73
DOUG MCALPING	5	8	4	5	10	8	6	6	4	56	5	8	4	8	8	7	6	6	5	57	113	42	71
GEORGE REGAS	6	7	6	5	6	9	4	5	5	53	5	8	5	5	10	7	6	4	4	54	107	27	80
PAT KOONCE	5	7	6	5	6	6	5	3	5	48	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	52	100	42	58
ABBY MACHEY	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	5	6	72	5	9	9	8	9	8	8	7	6	69	141	72	69
CINDY KOONCE	6	9	9	9	6	9	9	9	8	74	5	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	7	83	148	78	70
RON KOONCE	6	7	7	4	5	6	4	5	4	48	5	5	7	7	7	7	5	4	5	52	100	39	61
KEITH MACHEY	4	7	7	6	7	5	6	6	3	51	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	5	6	53	104	45	59
BRIAN LISOUSKIS	4	5	4	5	6	5	5	4	4	42	4	7	3	5	5	6	4	4	5	43	85	18	67
TOM KOONCE	5	9	4	5	6	8	5	4	4	50	5	9	6	7	6	7	4	3	3	50	100	33	67
JIMMY KOONCE	5	7	4	7	8	6	6	4	6	53	5	5	9	7	5	6	6	4	4	51	104	39	61
NICK KOONCE	5	7	10	9	7	9	8	5	8	68	5	8	8	8	10	8	7	8	9	71	139	75	64
JILL KOONCE	STARTED BUT DID NOT FINISH																						
LAURA TURNER	STARTED BUT DID NOT FINISH																						
29 PLAYERS STARTED 26 FINISHED																							

PRIZES AWARDED

DAVE DEHN	1994 GREATER KOONCE CLASSIC CUP	85
SHELLY KOONCE	1994 GREATER KOONCE CLASSIC CLOCK	123
JULIE SEMPLE	WOMENS LOW GROSS TROPHY	123
DEBBIE KOONCE	WOMENS LOW NET TROPHY	50
PATRICK KOONCE	MENS LOW NET TROPHY	58
BRIAN LISOUSKIS	MENS LOW GROSS TROPHY	85
HEATHER KOONCE	WOMENS HIGH GROSS TROPHY	153
NICK KOONCE	MENS HIGH GROSS TROPHY	139

WILLIE SEMPLE	CLOSEST TO IN 1 #1	\$21
BOB KOONCE	CLOSEST TO IN 2 #4	\$6
DON KOONCE	CLOSEST TO IN 3 #5	\$6
WILLIE SEMPLE	LONGEST DRIVE, MENS, #6	\$6
JULIE SEMPLE	LONGEST DRIVE, WOMENS, #6	\$6
PATRICK KOONCE	CLOSEST TO IN 1 #8	\$6
KEITH MACHEY	LONGEST PUTT #9	\$6

1994 Greater Koonce Golf Classic and Gathering

by John Paul Koonce

The 1994 Greater Koonce Golf Classic and Koonce Gathering was held in the Stillwater, Minnesota area again this year. The Golf Classic was played as usual at Chabre Executive Golf Course in Somerset Wisconsin. (see results on page 11). Then a short 12 mile drive to the park on the beautiful St. Croix River in Bayport, Minnesota, which is just south of Stillwater.

We moved the gathering form the



Brothers, Pat & Rick Koonce prepare the meal

Town Hall at Somerset, where it has been for the past several years to give the kids more room to run and play. It was a wise and good move. Also with Patrica Koonce making all the arrangements it gave me more time to spend on the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter and my own family research.

Another change that was made this year was instead of cooking Turkeys on the grill we had hamburgers and cheeseburgers cooked by Patrick and Rick Koonce, sons of Don & Patrica Koonce. This change was made to allow Rick more time to spend with his wife, Dina and children, Chelsey and Adam. After all, fun is what it is all about. Patricia, Pat & Rick did a great job.

This park has a swimming beach, Horseshoe pits, boat launching area with great fishing in the St. Croix River. Beautiful scenery for the canoe enthusiast. Also there is a play area for the kids with all sorts of things for them to clime on, which our three grandsons, John 6,



James Andrew Koonce proudly wears his 1993 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC CHAMPION hat

Chad, 5 and Tyler, 3 enjoyed very much. Grandma Nancy enjoyed playing with them also.

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Charles Koonce, Continued

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Sunday. The school's first victory at Western Kentucky didn't hurt, either.

"This was a huge win for our team," Sanderson said of the Trojans' 80-77 victory, the team's second road victory all season in Sun Belt Conference play. "No doubt about it."

Koonce scored a career-high 20 points in front of his mother, who made the three-hour trip from Lexington. The junior also set up senior standouts Malik Dixon and Muntrelle Dobbins for their late heroics that brought the Trojans back from an eight-point deficit.

Dobbins managed only five points in the first half and picked up only slightly afterward, but he scored four points and had a crucial rebound of a missed free throw in the last two minutes to, secure UALR's lead.

Two of those points, a layup Dobbins powered through to give UALR a 73-70 lead with 1:58 left came after Koonce dashed across the key to the opposite corner and grabbed James Price's missed free throw.

Dobbins later fumbled away a layup with less than five seconds left, but Brad Divine's potential game-tying three-pointer from half-court went off the top of the backboard.

Dobbins' previous struggles against the Hilltoppers provided the perfect opportunity for Koonce's near-perfect outing. As Western Kentucky double-teamed Dobbins, Koonce was hitting open jumpers everywhere, from the high post to the top of the key, including his first three-pointer of the season.

Koonce's 20 points fell four short of the 24 points the Trojans other than Dixon and Dobbins scored in last month's 71-62 loss to the Hilltoppers in Barton Coliseum.

"Those are the same shots that he missed at home," Western Kentucky Coach Matt Kilcullen said, "When you cover him, you leave Dobbins single-teamed, and we didn't want to let Dobbins beat us."

Dobbins still did. His fast-break layup behind Western Kentucky's defense put the Trojans up for good at the 9:33 mark. Koonce then made a fast-break

CHARLES KOONCE AT A GLANCE

Height and Position
6'6" Forward

1996-1996
UAB-Walker
19 points, 9 rebounds

1994-1995
Did not play

1993-1994
Northwestern (La.) State
7.3 points, 6.3 rebounds

1992-1993
Gadsen (Ala.) High
22 points, 12 rebounds

layup and a jumper to stretch the lead.

Koonce's 13 points accounted for nearly half of UALR's first-half scoring. He didn't miss a shot until shooting an airball with 5:30 left.

"Charles Koonce shot the lights out," Sanderson said. "I hadn't started Charles Koonce because he couldn't cover the podium out there. When he hits shots, I guess I forget"

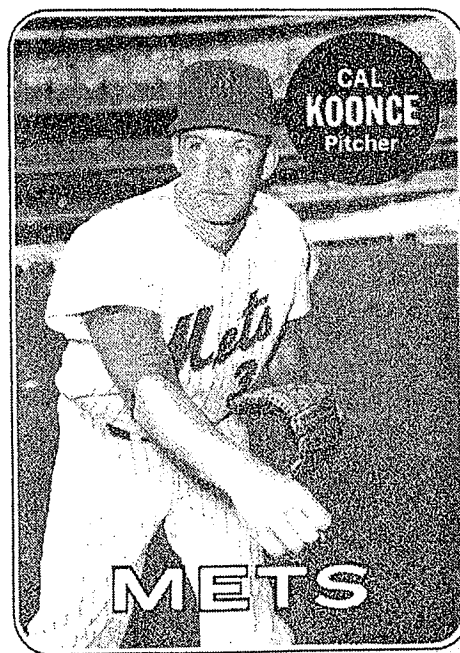
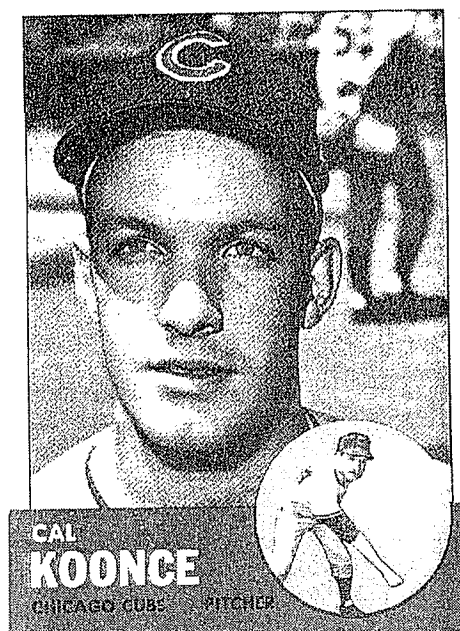
After Koonce heated up to keep the Trojans within striking distance, Malik Dixon struck. He scored 18 second-half points, including 11 in the first seven minutes of the period.

Dixon led all scorers with 27 points for the second consecutive game and made four three-pointers. Dobbins added 16 points and 10 rebounds. He also helped hold the Hilltoppers front court to 35 points, 21 of which came from senior All-Sun Belt forward Tony Lovan.

Dixon scored five consecutive points to key an 11-5 second-half run that put UALR in front for the first time since the opening minutes.

"I thought it was important over the first five minutes to come out and not get blown away," Sanderson said. "Sometimes when you're down against a good team like Western, you have a tendency to try to catch up too quickly."

OTHER KOONCES IN SPORTS



Cal Koonce was born 18 November 1940 in North Carolina. He started pitching in 1961 for Wenatchee, N.W. League, and went on to pitch for The Cubs, Boston, Red Socks, Salt Lake City, Tacoma, and the New York Mets. Reggie Koonce played football for the University of Minnesota, at Duluth. George Koonce is a linebacker for the Green Bay Packers and is from New Bern, North Carolina. Does any one know if Charles and George are related? My neice, Beckie Koonce lives in Duluth and has made several attempts to contact Reggie, with no luck, so we don't know what line of Koonces he comes from.